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SEAMEN VOTE CONFIDENCE IN BRIDGES, LONGSHOREMEN SUPPORT LUMBER STRIKE

No Scab Lumber To Be Unloaded by Local 38-79

DELEGATE RESIGNS WHEN SCORED FOR BACKING CLOSED COUNCIL

Picket Lines July 5

ALL GROUPS INVITED TO MARCH UNDER OWN BANNERS

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Emphatically repudiating the treacherous attack by the combined forces of employers and top A. F. of L. officials against militant leaders, San Pedro seamen have sent a vote of confidence to the San Francisco Local 38-79 of the International Longshoremen's Association. They affirmed their confidence in the leadership of Harry Bridges and the rank and file of the local.

This vote of confidence was made in San Pedro at a joint meeting of the locals of all three branches of the International Seamen's Union, with 400 present. It was read before last night's meeting of Local 38-79 here.

✽ "Pedro Pete".

Report that Eureka longshoremen have ended their solidarity strike with the lumber workers since the arrival of the faper "Pedro Pete", newly appointed West Coast ILA organizer and representative of the notorious Joseph Ryan, was accepted very unfavorably.

Although reports so far do not show whether Peterson forced them back by threats of revoking their charter, it is the general sentiment that he is largely responsible.

Local 38-79 went on record that no scab lumber will be worked in San Francisco and that if the Eureka longshoremen load any, San Francisco longshoremen will refuse to unload it when it arrives in this port.

Protest against police terror and the use of the National Guard

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Sunday Named Anti-Hearst Day In S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Sunday, June 30 has been set aside by the San Francisco Section of the Communist Party as "Anti-Hearst Sunday." All party members and sympathizers will mobilize at the Sub-section headquarters in the morning and canvas every house in the neighborhood with the new pamphlet "Hearst—Labor's Enemy No. 1," by James Casey and the Western Worker.

Downtown sub-section will gather at 37 Grove street at 10 a. m., go out into the neighborhoods till noon time and come back for lunch at 37 Grove street and then continue canvassing the territory till 4 p. m. A 100 per cent turnout is expected.

Other mobilization points are Fillmore sub-section at 1168 Golden Gate ave.; Mission sub-section at 542 Valencia street, and North Beach sub-section at 779 Vallejo st.

Units and sub-sections should complete all preparations to make this Anti-Hearst Sunday a mile post in the fight against America's fascist No. 1, Hearst.

Sections throughout the district are urged to organize Anti-Hearst Sundays.

Labor Council Meet Reported

For minutes of the meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council, Friday, June 21, turn to Page 3.

For accurate, uncensored reports of the proceedings within the Central Labor Council it will be necessary to read the WESTERN WORKER until such time as the fakers deem it advisable to come out in the open.

SAN PEDRO COPS SEEK ALIBI FOR KILLING FRIEDL

FULL-FLEDGED ARSENAL IS FOUND IN HOME OF SLAIN FAKER

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 21—After shooting and killing Fred W. Friedl, reactionary business agent of the San Pedro Marine Firemen Union at his apartment here Saturday, local harbor police have attempted to brand Friedl as a "Communist" and an "associate of Harry Bridges."

Thursday night Friedl had been expelled from the union by a vote of 48 to 1 on a variety of charges ranging from calling militant union members "finks" because they refused to vote him a salary increase to beating up union members and lying to the union in regard to his support of the reactionary clique at the Pacific Coast Marine Federation at Seattle.

✽ Find Arsenal.

Entering his apartment on a reported tip that Friedl had machine guns there, police shot him as he pulled his own automatic and attempted to flee. Searching the apartment they found, in addition to the .32 automatic in his hand, a .25 automatic, two shotguns and two rifles.

Following his expulsion Friedl had collected his "beef squad" of hired thugs and had roamed the streets of San Pedro, attacking and beating up rank and file members of the union. Previously he had attempted to beat up Joe O'Connor, agent of the Marine Cooks and Stewards' Union who had opposed him at the Federation Convention.

✽ Gang Terrorist.

Friday night Friedl and his terrorist gang attacked and beat Smallman, Peak and Lockhart,

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5 SEATTLE A.F.L. HEADS EXPOSED AS LABOR SPIES

TWO UNION HEADS ACTIVE IN SOLICITING FUNDS FOR EMPLOYERS

Backed by Mill Heads

NAMES ON LETTERHEAD OF STOOL PIGEON "LABOR EDUCATION BUREAU"

SEATTLE, Wash., June 24.—Sensational and conclusive evidence linking at least five prominent union fakers with employers in an open attempt to smash militant trade unionism in the Northwest is disclosed by the "Voice of Action," militant Seattle labor newspaper in its issue of Friday, June 21.

Involved in the plot, hatched by the fakers, wealthy lumber barons and the Waterfront Employers' Association, are William M. Short, past president of District 10, United Mine Workers of America and past president of the State Federation of Labor; Leo F. Flynn, A. F. of L. organizer, member of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners who recently tried to revoke the charter of the Everett Local of the Sawmill and Timber Workers union; Dave Levine, delegate to the Seattle Central Labor Council from the Jewelers' union and editor of the Washington State Labor News; W. L. Brackinread, vice-president of the State Federation of Labor and president of the Aberdeen Central Labor Council; Robert Harlin, delegate to the coming state A. F. of L. convention and former "Labor" Mayor of Seattle.

✽ Labor Spies.

All are proven to be members of a spy herding organization known as the "Labor Educational Bureau." Their names appear on letterheads of the organization which is backed by the lumber operators and the Waterfront employers' Association.

A letter obtained from the files of a prominent lumber company shows that Levine and Harlan were authorized by the Puget Sound Associated Mills on May 7, one day after the calling of the General Strike of lumber workers, to collect funds to be used for strike-breaking purposes. Specifically, the funds collected by Levine and Harlan were to be used to broadcast a bulletin containing typical anti-labor, red-scare charges against the striking workers.

✽ Reactionary Aims.

The stated purpose of the "Labor Educational Bureau" is to "join conservative Labor with conservative element of business and industry into a cooperative movement which will oppose with all the power at their command the activities of the Communists . . ."

The weekly budget of the "Educational Bureau" lists such items

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JULY 5TH WILL HONOR Nick Coundeorakis COMMUNIST

— EDITORIAL —

The disruptive slander, voiced by employers in their capitalist press, that Communists are seeking to "wreck the unions" will be clearly and emphatically answered by the mighty demonstrations of labor on July Fifth, commemorating "BLOODY THURSDAY".

On that day last year, employers unleashed their offensive of unprovoked violence to smash the maritime strike. Two union men were shot down in cold blood by the San Francisco Police. One of them was Howard Sperry and the other was Nicolas Coundeorakis, a member of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

On July Fifth of this year, labor will honor the memory of these two men as brave and devoted brothers—men who made the supreme sacrifice in a struggle for the betterment of all. At the same time, the entire Communist Party will join in commemorating a loyal and courageous comrade.

Wherever labor is struggling for better wages, better conditions—for a better life—Communist Party members will be found in the front ranks of that struggle. And they are not present there as some outside influence giving aid for ulterior purposes. They are there as union men working in the interests of their unions. For the membership of the Communist Party consists of your fellow workers.

And the union men who are Communist Party members will be found to be the most energetic, trustworthy and self-sacrificing men in your union. It is for that reason they joined the Communist Party—in order that they may be better able to work in the interests of that union and their class.

When you elect a rank and file leader for his proven integrity, his courage, ability and past union record, you are most apt to be choosing a Communist Party member. And it is for this reason that employers loose a blast of hatred against the Communists in their "kept press." They recognize in the Communists the foremost elements in American unionism—a type of leadership which they cannot corrupt, buy, intimidate or deceive. A type of leadership which spells victory for labor.

PORTLAND I.L.A FAKERS LINKED WITH COPS IN WAR ON UNION

Police and Longshore Officials Hired a Woman to Steal Minutes of I. L. A. and Marine Federation Conventions

PORTLAND, Ore., June 24.—Sworn statements by a hired police agent this week revealed how reactionary International Longshoremen's Association officials attempted to frame a militant member of the union and engineered the stealing of minutes both of the Maritime Federation Convention and the District Convention of the I.L.A.

Implicated in the union-wrecking plot are Charles Peabody, secretary of the Portland branch of the I.L.A, Jack Ahern, local I.L.A dispatcher, Paddy Morris, Tacoma I.L.A. faker, and Cliff Thurston, member of the reactionary clique.

✽ Police Tie-Up.

Captain of Detectives Jack Keegan, with the full knowledge of the union officials involved, contacted one Claudia Waller and by paying various bills for her, persuaded her to spy on Matt Meehan, militant I.L.A worker, and report his actions to union officials and the police.

Claudia Waller, in sworn statements, has testified that:

Prior to the Maritime Federation Convention at Seattle, Peabody proposed that she "do something good" for the union by spying on Matt Meehan and other members in order to obtain evidence of "Communism."

✽ Steals Minutes.

That through contact with Jack Ahern and Paddy Morris, she managed to steal the minutes of the Maritime Federation and the District Longshoremen's Convention and copied them for the Portland Police Department.

That with the full knowledge of Peabody, Cliff Thurston, Jack Ahern and B. A. Green and C K. Tanner, attorneys, her expenses were paid at the Multnomah Hotel during the I.L.A Convention in order that Captain Keegan might "contact" convention delegates.

That she saw Thurston and Peabody at the Portland Police Station and that they ducked into another room when they saw her and that while in the station she heard a detective ask Keegan, "Are you going to pay these fellows today?"

That, becoming suspicious of her, her employers finally ordered her to take a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, all expenses paid.

✽ Ahern Had Minutes.

Claudia Waller states that she took the minutes of the I.L.A. Convention out of Ahern's pocket after he had been instructed to "make it easy for her to get them." She says that "Access to the minutes of the Maritime Federation Convention was given me also. I took them out of Jack

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CAVES, STRIKE LEADER, VOTED IN BY SAILORS

RANK AND FILE SEAMEN REFUSE TO EXPEL MILITANTS

Meeting Is Extended

"MEMBERS HAVE RIGHT TO WRITE FOR WESTERN WORKER," SAYS ONE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—A year-old battle of the rank and file of the Sailors Union to reinstate Bill Caves, militant rank and file leader of the 1934 Marine Strike, came to a successful conclusion in last night's Sailors' meeting.

Expelled towards the end of the strike by the Scharrenberg-Larsen-Silver machine for his fight for unity and against the sell-out tactics of these fakers, many attempts had been made by the rank and file to reinstate him. All these attempts failed.

✽ New Situation.

Last night the membership found a different situation. With Scharrenberg himself expelled, Silver's power badly crippled, and Larsen quieted into protecting his job, the rank and file found it easy sailing.

The membership again asserted itself on the question of expulsion of militants when an attempt was made to expell Saunders, Seattle militant. This move was in the form of a recommendation railroaded through by the reactionary clique in the Seattle Branch.

✽ Red Baiters Lose.

The basis for the recommendation was that Saunders was a correspondent for the Voice of Action, Seattle workers' newspaper. The rank and file flatly rejected this recommendation.

A statement by a member "that any member of the Sailors' Union has a right to write for any labor paper, be it the Voice of the Federation, the Voice of Action or the Western Worker," was received with loud applause.

Due to lengthy order of business, and repeated interruptions which delayed the order of business, the regular meeting was continued until today when it will open at 10 a. m.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

Police Serve As Employers' Thugs In Lumber Strike

JOINT STRIKE COMMITTEE ENLARGED; NEW LOCALS SEND DELEGATES

Company Unions Fail

STATE POLICE, NATIONAL GUARD READY TO ACT AS STRIKE-BREAKERS

SEATTLE, Wash., June 24.—Rejection of company union in company conducted elections, increased picket lines and increased mass protests against government terror and provocative statements by Governors Martin and Martin of Oregon and Washington were the strikers answer to attempts to smash the Northwest general lumber strike.

Many new delegates sat with the Northwest General Strike Committee as it reconvened last Friday. Additional locals have swung behind the rank and file repudiation of Abe Muir's sell-out proposals.

✽ Rank and File Rule.

Women's Auxiliaries are being formed in Raymond, Everett and other strike centers.

Max Barnett, executive secretary of the Joint Northwest Strike Commitee in a statement last week said:

"We want to make this clear—the Joint Northwest Strike Committee is only the servant of the rank and file lumber workers on strike. The final decision on all strike issues rests with them.

"We can only recommend a program of action."

✽ Police Raids.

At Tacoma, Wash., today State Police, captained by Chief William Cole, attacked pickets in the vicinity of the sawmill section, using clubs and tear gas in their attempts to guarantee safety to scabs.

National guardsmen were held ready to act in their capacity of government strike-breakers but had not been ordered into action at a late hour this evening.

There was little activity reported within the mills.

Party Sections Notice to All

Demonstrations against War and Fascism should be initiated by all sections of the Communist Party for August 3. Efforts should be made toward the United Front participation of all other working class groups.

"PEDRO PETE" IS AIDING LUMBER BOSSES IN EUREKA

Reign of Terror

I. L. D. CALLED TO AID ARRESTED STRIKE PICKETS

EUREKA, Calif., June 24.—So-called "sheriff's deputies," in reality hoodlums with badges, are leading vigilante forces which block all highways leading into this city. Scotia, a company town owned by the Pacific Lumber Co., has a large force of thugs watching the highway to Eureka, equipped with "stop", signs etc. supplied them by the county, and are trying to prevent any friends of the lumber strikers from passing through.

Meanwhile, about 90 of the workers jailed in the recent police violence and raids on the picket lines and workers centers have been bailed out. John B. Williford, militant president of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union, Local No. 2563 is out on the highest bail, $4000 property bond, while the others are out on $500 cash or $1000 property.

✽ 150 Arrested.

About 150 workers have been arrested since the police attack of June 21. William Kaarte, a striker, is dead; two are not expected to live, one being shot in the eye and the other in the side; and of six other pickets suffering gunshot wounds, one is in grave danger of having to have his leg amputated.

The reign of terror began about 5:00 a. m., June 21, when police attacked the picket lines at the

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POINT CLAIRE IS TIED UP IN S. F. WITH HOT CARGO

CREW REFUSES TO WORK ON SHIPS CARRYING SCAB LUMBER

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—With the crew refusing to work a ship loaded with "hot" cargo from Vancouver, B. C., and the longshoremen taking a similar stand, the Point Claire of Swaine and Hoyte Company has been laying dead against the dock here for three days.

Upon leaving Seattle the crew was told that they were going in the Sound. The ship however proceeded to Powell River, British Columbia, where the longshoremen are on strike. There the firemen refused to supply steam to scab longshoremen.

The loading of the scab cargo was made possible when the engineer supplied the steam. Before leaving Powell River scabs were brought aboard to secure the deck-load of lumber, the union crew refusing to do this.

Upon arrival in San Francisco the crew again went on strike and a picket line was placed in front of the dock. The engineers were ordered not to supply steam.

Charges of shanghaing are being brought against the captain for refusing to inform the crew of the correct destination of the ship. A late report is that the company has agreed to ship the cargo back to Powell River by rail if the strike is called off.

L. A. Mill Strike Solid

LOS ANGELES, June 22.—All efforts of the large mill owners to break the three-weeks-old carpenters' strike have failed.

While eight of the smaller shops have signed with the strikers, twelve of the large plants still are on strike. Picket lines are strong and the spirit of the workers is high.

The strike is being conducted by the rank and file. Kohm, militant striker, is head of all picket lines and an outstanding leader, recognized by all. Stool pigeons were sent to picket lines to start a whispering campaign against Kohm but the mill owners' plan collapsed when workers collared one of the agents, searched him and found Chamber of Commerce identification cards in his pocket.

✽ Relief Denied.

SERA relief officials have denied relief to strikers on the pretext they have homes, insurance policies or relatives upon which they can rely. Union officials have protested but mass pressure has not yet been brought to bear against the relief moguls.

Officials of the Carpenters' Union have attempted to sell the Wagner Labor Dispute Bill to the strikers as a possible means of settling their fight with the employers.

✽ Hold to Demands.

The striking workers are sticking to their original demands of union recognition; $1 per hour minimum wage; the 40-hour week; double time for overtime and no work on Saturday or Sunday.

One striker has deserted the picket line and is scabbing. His name is Hanson and he is working at the Standard Cabinet Shop. Shop owners' threats to import out-of-town mechanics were futile. Police escorts accompany scabs in and out of shops but no actual work is being done.

$4,742.50 DAMAGES AWARDED FOR BERKELEY HOODLUM RAID

Finnish Workers Win Suit Against City; Police Dept. Refused Protection

BERKELEY, Calif., June 24.—The damage suit of the local Finnish Workers' Club against the City of Berkeley for wreckage of their hall during the vigilante raids of July, 1934, has been won.

Not only must the city pay the Workers $3,242.50 damages, but the Court also ruled that $1500 must be paid the insurance company for money it has already expended repairing the hall.

A few hours before the raid, at the height of the strike and terror, the Finnish workers learned such a raid was planned and asked the Berkeley Police for a guard. The Police Dept. refused, saying if anything started they could get a riot squad on the scene before any real damage was done.

That evening the mob came broke into the hall, smashed expensive grand pianos, chairs and all furnishings, broke the plumbing and flooded the lower floor of the building. Not until the vigilantes had done their work and left the scene did any officers arrive.

SHERIFF AND VIGILANTES JAIL 88 AMADOR STRIKERS IN MONTHS MONTHS STRUGGLE

A. F. of L. Defense Tactics Bring Heavy Sentences to Jackson Miners; Workman Asks Militant I.L.D. Defense

Since Feb. 14, there have been 88 workers arrested on various charges in the Amador gold miners' strike in Jackson.

The arrests began on Feb. 14 when Monico Franko, Miguel Lopez, Mrs. Kena Swanson, and four other pickets were jailed in a riot that followed an attempt to reopen the mines. Franko, defended by A. F. of L. lawyers got 90 days, 2 years probation and $100 fine. Lopez was indicted for possession of firearms and is out on $1000 bail.

Mrs. Swanson, a miner's wife, with the other four, were sentenced for "disturbing the peace." As soon as she was released Mrs. Swanson hunted up the two men who had testified against her and beat them everlastingly. She got a 6-months suspended sentence on a battery charge for being so rough with the boys.

On Feb. 16 Adolph Canales and J. E. Workman were framed by the authorities and jailed for "possession of weapons." Canales left his defense in the hands of the A. F. of L. fakers and got 1 to 5 years in San Quentin. He now lies in the rotten county jail waiting for his appeal.

Workman became disgusted with the fakers and turned his defense over to the International Labor Defense. Bail of $2,000 was promptly raised and he goes to trial on July 2nd.

March 1 Manuel Duran was jailed for assault and battery and sentenced to 90 days.

April 10, 9 arrested for "unlawful assembly." No trial yet; some are out on their own recognizance and others on $50 bail.

April 11 Steve Fatlich arrested for disturbing the peace. Out on own recognizance; no trial yet.

On May 12 vigilantes assaulted picket lines and a delegation of workers from the Bay Area, and nine workers were arrested for "unlawful assembly." All out on $200 bail, no trial yet.

On June 5, sixty-eight were arrested, among them A. J. Harder, the union attorney, who agreed with the courts that they should make a nice, legal test case of it, to try out the county anti-picketing ordinance. All out on their own recognizance, except Alvin VanAusdal, the "test case", and Harder, who are out on $50 bail. No hearing yet.

ROOSEVELT TAX PLAN IGNORES THOSE IN NEED

WOULD HAND MONEY BACK TO RICH FROM WHOM IT IS TAKEN

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—With the usual demagogy accompanying his "messages to Congress" Roosevelt today announced his new tax plan, carrying "proposals" for higher levies on incomes, inheritances, so-called "gifts" and other categories of wealth.

Hidden beneath a barrage of high-sounding phrases the substance of his program sticks out like a sore thumb. The additional money to be raised by "soaking the rich" is to go right back into the pockets of the rich for, according to Roosevelt:

"I strongly urge that the proceeds of this tax should be specifically segregated and applied, as they accrue, to the reduction of the national debt."

✤ Nothing for Jobless.

The national debt is owed to the bankers and the industrial employers. The biggest part of the national debt has been incurred through subsidies to industry, to the munition makers and to the big banks.

Roosevelt did not mention aid for the millions of unemployed.

The reason for making it appear he is actually going to "soak the rich" is given by Roosevelt in another part of his message. He says:

"Social unrest and a deepening sense of unfairness are dangers to our national life which we must minimize by rigorous methods."

And as if to assure panicky profit makers his new tax program is harmless to them and actually a benefit in the long run he pointed out that:

✤ Profits Untouched.

"Those who argue for the benefits secured to society by great fortunes invested in great businesses should note that such a tax does not affect the essential benefits that remain after the death of the creator of such business. The mechanism of production that he created remains. The benefits of corporate organizaton remain. The advantage of pooling many investments in one enterprise remains . . ."

GOVT. REFUSES TO FEED KIDS DURING SUMMER

NO MEALS FOR CHILDREN DURING VACATION

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—Passing the buck, every responsible governmental body has refused to act to save starving school children through the summer vacation months from loss of meals.

Yesterday a committee of sixteen parents, representing the Federation of Children's Organizations visited the City Council and demanded that the body appropriate money to feed the school children during the summer period.

The Council argued that it was not within their province and referred the committee, headed by Mrs. Miriam Carey, to the County Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors declared that they were not aware of any situation calling for such an appropriation despite the fact that feeding of school children is regular procedure—to a limited extent—during school terms.

Going to the county charities they found no official in. The secretary of the Citizen's Relief Committee pleaded ignorance when apprized of the situation.

Previously the School Board refused to appropriate any funds.

Literally thousands of children of unemployed parents are going without their noon day lunch and are suffering from mal-nutrition.

Union Leaders Blacklisted By Steel Company

MASSILLON, O., June 21.—The Republic Steel Corporation has fired all officials of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers from its pay rolls, as a result of the strike in sympathy with Berger Co. employers. A blacklist of 150 union men marked for dismissal for union activities is held by the company.

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Govt. Will Not Give Relief to Men on Strike

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—Strikers will not longer be eligible for direct cash relief while on strike. This ruling was made public by Roy W. Pilling, LACRA director, who has declared that according to Washington advises, strikers hereafter will have to go on work relief.

Striking workers will be forced to abandon their picket lines, according to this ruling, and go on Works Progress Administration projects, some of them miles removed from the scene of strike struggles.

Central Labor Councils, union locals and labor generally should immediately protest this new ruling and fight it every step of the way.

CARPENTERS OF SAN DIEGO TRY TO OUST FAKER

RANK AND FILE SEEKING TO DEFEAT RACKETEER IN ELECTIONS

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 20.—The election of Business Agent in the local Carpenters District is growing into a hot struggle of the rank and file to oust Carl Barnes, present B. A. who is running for reelection, from the office. His opponent, Brother Henry Smith, is supported by the rank and filers who want to see new blood in the office and less autocracy and racketeering. Bro. Barnes has become unpopular because of his "private rotation lists."

The biggest upset for Bro. Barnes was when, after he had received a 3 to 1 vote in the primaries in his own local, No. 1296, the largest in town, he received at the election last week, practically a tie-vote, 84 for Barnes and 70 for Smith. In the East San Diego local, Smith led with 15, and Barnes trailing with only 10. The contest resulting so far, in 94 votes for Barnes and 85 for Smith, with the La Jolla local still to be heard from, in two weeks time, when they vote.

According to rank and file members of No. 1296, much of the credit for the reversal of the vote in that local from Barnes to Smith, is due to the Rank and File paper Trade Union News, which has been publishing in each issue much rank and file material by carpenters who were dissatisfied with the mismanagement and discrimination and racketeering practiced by Bro. Barnes.

All the carpenters who voted against Brother Barnes are appealing to the members of the La Jolla local not to turn them down, when they vote, by electing Barnes, but to vote for Bro. Smith who has been endorsed and fully supported by the rank and file, who feel that the time has come for a change in the affairs of the Carpenters Local in San Diego.

COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A, DIST. 13

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
37 Grove Street

Maritime Federation Committee for July Fifth,
I. L. A. Hall,
85 Clay Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Brothers:

We send you fraternal greetings of working class solidarity, and in token thereof enclose a check for $25 as our contribution to the July Fifth Fund.

As the attacks against all sincere trade unionists and militant workers by the Shipowhers and their agents within the labor movement and outside it increase, the entire working class of San Francisco is awakening to the significance of July Fifth as an occasion on which to express the solidarity of labor,—to show the enemies of labor that Howard Sperry, member of the I. L. A., and Nicholas Bordoise, member of the Marine Cooks and Stewards and of the Communist Party, have not died in vain.

We place at your disposal the entire membership of the Communist Party in San Francisco, and its official organ, the WESTERN WORKER, to help in any way you suggest, that July Fifth Memorial Day may be turned into an effective medium for solidifying and uniting the ranks of labor.

With warmest fraternal greetings, we are,

Fraternally yours,
DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Dist. 13, C.P.U.S.A.
By Lawrence Ross.

S. F. Longshoremen Refuse to Handle Any Scab Lumber

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against Eureka lumber strikers was voiced by the meeting and a telegram to this effect was sent to Governor Merriam.

A telegram of solidarity greetings was also sent to the lumber workers.

It was reported that Tacoma Longshoremen are out 100 per cent in solidarity with the lumber strikers and to protest the calling of the National Guard.

✤ To Spread the Truth.

Recognizing that the present employers' campaign of newspaper slander against the waterfront workers is the forerunner of a major drive to smash the unions, Local 38-79 appointed a committee to contact liberals and invite them to inspect the waterfront. It is intended to thus enable them to compare present working conditions with those prevailing prior to last year's strike. The Ministers' Alliance will be one of the groups invited to make such an inspection.

It was also agreed that invitation be extended to all individuals to come down to the waterfront, inspect conditions and be shown the truth by the I.L.A.

✤ Delegate Resigns.

Kulberg, one of the delegates from 38-79 to the Central Labor Council was bitterly censured by the membership for having supported the maneuver of Edward Vandeleur to close the meetings of the Council to the public. Whilst all other ILA delegates opposed and voted against the measure, Kulberg not only voted for it, but spoke in favor of it.

It was reported that while he was speaking, several rank and file longshoremen sought entrance to the Council. They were barred by the doorman who told them, "What are you kicking about? Your own delegate is talking in favor of closed councils."

Kulberg, in an effort to cover his reactionary deed with a show of martyrdom, said that if the men thought he had done wrong, he was willing to resign. A longshoreman immediately jumped up and said, "I move his resignation be accepted". The rest of the assemblage agreed, so Kulberg was declared no longer a delegate.

✤ July Fifth.

It was announced that on the morning of July 5th, the anniversary of "Bloody Thursday", all longshoremen will picket the docks between the hours of 8 a. m. and 10 a. m. This picket duty was made obligatory on all ILA men, and every longshoreman will be checked on to see that he fulfils his duty.

All working class organizations are invited to join the parade and march under their own banners.

ILA men will march in work clothes, in memory of the fact that Howard Sperry and Nick Coundeorakis were in work clothes when murdered by the police.

The mass meeting in the evening will be held at Dreamland Rink Auditorium where moving pictures of last year's strike will be shown as part of the program.

Zlodi Bros.
Dairy Lunch & Cafeteria
67 Fourth st., cor. Jessie, S.F.

Wagner Assures Protection for Strike-Breakers

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20.—Unbridled company unionism under the Wagner Disputes Bill was promised employers by Senator Robert Wagner, author of the measure now before the House of Representatives, in a statement to the press this week. Said Mr. Wagner, "labors' friend":

"There is the charge that the measure would regiment men in national unions. On who wishS?fcOfitlaborep2hucm the contrary, the bill gives added protection to workers who wish to exercise their free choice to remain completely unorganized. It provides specifically that no worker can be discharged or paid lower wages or discriminated against in any way because he refuses to join any labor union of any kind."

Hearst Yes-Man Starves Worker In Kern County

SERA BOSSES CHISEL MEN OUT OF BREAKFAST

By a Worker Correspondent.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., June 21.—Mr. Frank Hill appeared before the Board of Supervisors to protest discrimination by public officials in regard to putting him on work as he has a wife and five children and lives at Rosedale, Calif., Kern County, and has been a resident of Kern County for twenty years.

Mr. Stanley Abel, a Hearst yes-man and stool pigeon for the Los Angeles Examiner in this county said that Hill had not applied for work at the SERA office.

Mr. Hill stated that his wife and children were hungry and needed clothes and that he had "worn out two pairs of shoes running from office to office but got nothing in the end."

This big boss, Stanley Abel, has a stomach larger than any Hearst henchman in California. He has robbed the taxpayers of this county and now is starving the workers on every project. The SERA camp at Bakersfield under this boss has cut down on meals—leaving out breakfast. He says the workers "can drink lots of good water for breakfast."

His sub-lieutenant and himself rob the workers and divide the breakfast money between themselves. Workers should attend a mass meeting at the Kern County Court House every Monday morning at ten o'clock when the Supervisors meet to protest the starving of workers here.

One-man cars mean one man starves! Boycott one-man cars and protest the injunction granted to the Market Street Railway by Judge Louderback.

LABOR COUNCIL OF SAN DIEGO REVEALS LOW PAY AND GRAFT IN MUCH-TOUTED EXPOSITION

State Labor Laws Violated By Bosses Who Pay Workers Nothing; Demand Investigation of Abuses

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 25.—At the Federated Trades and Labor Council meeting last week, many reports on actual working conditions at the Exposition were made, bringing to light the terrible exploitation of the exposition workers.

It was reported that nearly all the shows and concessions are being operated by men from Chicago. The Palisades Cafe, whose proprietor is John G. Krutzler, WORKS HIS GIRLS WITHOUT ANY WAGES AT ALL, according to the investigators. He hires them "on trial" and works them long hours just for their meals. When the girls begin to ask when they get paid, they are told "your services are not satisfactory and we can't use you."

✤ 12½ Cents an Hour.

At the Cafe El Solano, the owner, Col. Edwards, is very generous to his waitresses. He gives them 12½c per hour. The State Minimum Wage Law requires 33 1-3c for full time and 38c for part time.

Most of the retail stores, booths and concessions at the Expo. pay no wages. They work instead for straight commissions. Secretary Rogers said one girl told him that she "made $1.45 as my week's wages the first week."

The Expo is a hot-bed of racketeering and grafting on the workers. The concessionaries compel their workers to buy uniforms at exorbitant prices, in violation of state laws. In some of the concessions the workers are forced to rent the uniforms for 25c a day. In other places the workers get their pay only in "tips."

✤ Exploit Negroes.

The Negro workers are the most exploited. There are about 100 Negro maids and porters at the Expo, but they do not get any wages at all.

"Working these Negroes long hours every day without compensation is nothing but slavery," Secretary Rogers stated.

"However, to show their solicitude for these Negro and women workers," Rogers continued, "they imported a man from Chicago who is conducting classes, instructing these maids and porters how to become professional beggars. They are taught all of the wily ways of extracting dimes and quarters from Exposition visitors who patronize toilets and rest-rooms where these maids and porters are stationed."

✤ Import Workers.

Delegates from the Office Workers Union reported that the Exposition promised 150 local girls if they put in a few hours daily for a week or ten days before the opening of the Fair, they would be given steady jobs after it opened.

The girls fulfilled their end of the bargain, but according to the Office Workers delegates, "a couple of days before the Exposition opened, the Los Angeles promoters who are managing the Fair, advertised in the L. A. Times for fifty cashiers for the San Diego Fair and the entire fifty were shipped down here from Los Angeles to do this work while the local girls were discharged without any wages for the week they had put in."

✤ Demand Investigation.

The Federated Trades and a number of locals are demanding State Labor Commissioner Edward Nolan to reinstate the SERA project in the local Labor Commissioner's office, to remedy the conditions where because of the hundreds of complaints against the Exposition for not paying construction laborers who were building the Expo last month, the local Labor Commissioner, Stanley Gue, has been unable to investigate the several hundred private concessions at the Fair. The reinstatement of the regular assistant deputy to the local office is also asked. In this way several more investigators would be available to ferret out the deplorable conditions at 'America's Exposition.

A fighting fund of $300 is also being raised from the locals to start organization of the several thousand workers at the Expo.

One-man cars mean one man starves! Boycott one-man cars and protest the injunction granted to the Market Street Railway by Judge Louderback.

JOBLESS UNION WINS FOOD FOR L. A. PLUMBER

WORKER HAD BEEN GIPPED BY RELIEF HEADS

VENICE, Calif., June 19.—That the L.A.C.R.A. and the Chamber of Commerce work closely together in discriminating against workers and beating down their living standards has been graphically illustrated in the case of a local plumber.

The plumber in question, Benjamin Sells, who has been on relief here, was hired through the Chamber of Commerce to work on the Venice High School, a Public Works project.

Although hired as a plumber's helper, he received only the common labor scale at the end of the week. The following week, even this scale was reduced by a dollar.

Sells quit and the L.A.C.R.A. refused to put him back on relief. His family, consisting of himself, his aged mother and father, were in dire need of food. In desperation he appealed to the Salvation Army. They refused Sells any aid whatsoever.

Immediately thereafter Sells appealed to the local Public Works Unemployed League. They secured a grocery order for him and a check for the next week.

121 Haight St. Is New Office Of District 13

SAN FRANCISCO, June 35.—Headquarters of the District office of the Communist Party, Dist. 13, is now at 121 Haight street. The offices of the San Francisco section will remain at 37 Grove street.

All comrades having business with the District address their mail to 121 Haight st. If your business refers only to the Section then it should be taken up at 37 Grove st.

From The Worker Correspondents

PUFFING JAIL CAPT. REFUSES TO HEAR COMM.

DELEGATION PROTESTS DISCRIMINATION

By a Worker Correspondent.

LOS ANGELES, June 21.—Flunkeys at the Lincoln Heights jail told delegates from five organizations to wait in the lobby of the jail while Capt. Shand, chief jailer, had his lunch. The group, numbering about 20, waited until he finished and came in, puffing.

The chairman told Shand they were there to see him, but before he could say what for, the back of the Captain's neck turned purple and he said he would be in his office in a minute. He was, and he stayed there, refusing to see the committee.

The protest against the treatment of political prisoners, together with the demands, was presented to one of the clerks with instructions to give them to Shand. An appointment was made for a visit at a later date.

The committee delegates represented the Florence Epic Club, 65th Dist. Epic Club, No. 17, L. A. Women's Council, International Labor Defense and the International Workers' Order. All workers are urged to protest to Capt. Shand, Lincoln Heights Jail, Los Angeles, against treatment accorded five class war prisoners.

Demand their immediate and unconditional release; the cessation of all forms of intimidation against them, and the immediate restoration of all prison rights.

EAST BAY TRANSP. WORKERS DEMAND RETURN OF WAGE CUT

Street Car and Bus Drivers Getting Fed Up on Bad Working Conditions

By a Worker Correspondent.

OAKLAND, Calif., June 24.—The Carmen and Bus Drivers of the East Bay Transportation Co. are getting wise to the New Deal. Since the cut from 75c to 65c the men have seen the profits increased for the Company, while living costs have gone up some 28 per cent. What's more the East Bay Transp. Co. has set up inflated property values and watered their stock to make it appear that the profits are small.

Through militant action the men forced the Company to return 2½c per hour last year. Now they are demanding return of the entire cut and better conditions.

They are getting fed up on the split shift, the dead heading on their own time, and the donated time checking in and out. Why should the men donate about 40 to 50 minutes a day checking in and out? This is work that should be paid for.

The rank and file are demanding and Mr. Lundberg is calling a meeting to tell them why they should be nice, loyal slaves, and why they don't want what is due them. A list of the men who are to attend the meeting has been posted.

Judging by the sentiment of the men they will realize the spiel Lundberg gives is the squeal of Wall Street trying to keep the workers from fighting to have their cut returned. The men have been fooled long enough with such nice talk.

UNION IS NEED OF BADLY PAID OFFICE WORKER

WHITE COLLAR LOCAL IN RECRUITING DRIVE

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 24.—It was decided to put a full time organizer on the job to sign up new members in the local, at the last meeting of the Office Employees Union. The sentiment of the members present is that the local is in a very strong position at present to build rapidly, since the wages and working conditions among San Diego office workers are deplorable. The initiation fee is $2 and the monthly dues are $1. These are low enough not to financially bother poorly paid employes who would not join in the case of higher initations and dues.

OAKLAND SERA BUDGET CUTTER IS OUT OF JOB

P. W. U. U. PREPARING A JULY 4TH PICNIC

OAKLAND, Calif., June 21.—The grievance committee of Public Works and Unemployed Union Local No. 2 reports that Mrs. Manning, supervisor of Dept. A at the local SERA office, has been removed.

Mrs. Manning was well known to the workers for her antagonistic attitude to the Union and for constantly hindering the proper adjustment of grievances. One of her principal jobs was cutting the budgets of the workers.

In one of her exploits she cut a worker with five dependents to $14.74 per month.

Local No. 2 has voted to cooperate fully with the League Against War and Fascism. In its last meeting it elected a committee to help with the July 4 picnic which the P.W.U.U. will hold.

Public Works Union *Wins 16 Out of 18* Grievances at L. A.

LOS ANGELES, June 19.—Sixteen out of eighteen cases were satisfactorily settled by the grievance committee of Local No. 8, Public Works Unemployed League, 111th and Main, DPO, recently.

The worst case won was that of an expectant mother who was advised by her visitor that "a one-room shack with a kitchen is good enough for you to live in."

San Luis Obispo To Have Western Worker Mass Meet

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., June 21.—A meeting, open to the public, will be held here in Woodman Hall, Thursday, June 27, at 8 p. m., where J. F. Snyder, field representative for the Western Worker, will speak on the workers' press and its importance. The meeting should be a starting point for a real circulation drive in this area for the Western Worker.

On Friday, June 28, Comrade Snyder will appear at Tanner Hall in Arroyo Grande.

Legion Snooper Has SERA Worker Fired For Joining Union

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—The SERA has fired Brian Gilbert, a worker on a municipal housing project, for his union activities. No complaint could be made against his work, so his squad captain, Bannister, a Legionnaire, recommended his discharge because he belongs to a "red association";—meaning the Public Works and Unemployed League, of which Gilbert is a member.

Gilbert's pink slip was marked, "unsatisfactory to this project. Inclined to be Communistic." Guilbert had been discussing with other workers on the job the question of why their work orders call for a certain wage, whereas their checks never amount to the sum worked for, but just 15% more than direct relief.

The PWUU is demanding his reinstatement.

CHOSE SUICIDE TO $6 MONTHLY RELIEF BUDGET

MOTHER'S DEATH WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM

By a Worker Correspondent

RICHMOND, Calif., June 24.—Despondent because her husband's working hours on the SERA had been cut to a level below starvation, Mrs. Ella Alberts, 40-year-old mother, swallowed poison and died.

Her husband's hours had been cut to ten a month, totalling the grand sum of $6 per month for a man, woman and child to live on. The mother, upon her dying bed, told hospital attaches that "she decided to end her life so that her baby and husband might have enough to eat."

The Industrial Association and the Chamber of Commerce are directly responsible for the death of this working class mother. The Industrial Association has given directives to their SERA lackeys to cut the work budgets to the very bottom, to drive industrial unemployed workers into the fruit fields at 25c for a 10-hour working day. The Chamber of Commerce ordered the SERA Surplus Food distribution to be stopped because it hindered the sales of local merchants.

With the Surplus Food gone and relief wages cut to $6 per month this poverty stricken mother took the wrong way to help her family.

The proper way for her to have benefitted her family would have been to help organize a SERA Union and demanded increases in the budgets.

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East of the Rockies

Scottsboro Prosecution Gets $25,000

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 24.—The Alabama Senate passed a bill appropriating $25,000 to be used to prosecute the Scottsboro boys. The Senate indicated it is determined to carry out the frame-up by all possible means, as necessary to keep Negroes under subjection. Not satisfied with this Senator Swift suggested the appropriation be raised to $50,000.

One Dead, Many Ill from Relief Food

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 24.—Fifty men at a local Federal transient bureau became ill from the tainted food they were given. A week before the same kitchen supplied lunches to 205 SERA workers who were stricken, one of them dying later on.

Cleveland Bakery Drivers Vote to Strike

CLEVELAND, O., June 24.—The Cleveland Bakery Drivers' Union, Local 52, voted five to one to strike in chain bakeries operated by Ward, National, Continental, and General. The vote followed failure of negotiations for $15 a week plus 7 per cent commission on wholesale and $10 a week plus 16 per cent commission on retail sales, and a closed shop.

Gas Warfare Against Strikers Studied

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 24.—Selected officers and men from the National Guard are being given a special course of instruction on the use of gas warfare against strikers. This was revealed by Captain Moyle, who wrote for a newspaper: "This was the first time that key squads have been given specific instructions and demonstrations along these lines for special use in civil disturbances."

320 Negroes Plan Rent Strike

CHICAGO, Ill., June 24.—320 families in the so-called Rosenwald model home, supposed to be built especially to provide Negroes with modern apartments at low rent, are planning a strike against the high rents they are forced to pay. Because of jim-crow restrictions, the Negroes have to pay exorbitant rentals. When they protested to the manager of the Foundation, they were told that this was a business and not a philanthropy.

FERA Workers Win Strike

SHEBOYGAN, Mich., June 24.—The strike of FERA workers, members of the American Workers Union, ended in a victory. Welfare officials agreed to put back on relief James Brady, whose discharge when he refused to work in the rain caused the strike. Under the settlement, all the strikers will either be given work relief or put on direct relief.

IMPERIALISTS SEEK CONTROL OF ABYSSINIA

BRITISH AND ITALIANS QUARREL OVER DIVISION

LONDON, June 25.—Mussolini, during his controversy with Abyssinia, made the demand that Ethiopia "submit to division into three zones of influence, one English, one French and one Italian, with all the fertile parts of the country suitable for Italian immigration under Italian influence," according to the Journal & Guide 5-25-35.

Since then the Fascist Italian press has accused Great Britain of giving aid to the Abyssinian monarch. England's interest in Abyssinia is concentrated in Lake Tsana, where a dam is to be constructed. Lake Tsana feeds the Nile River, the source of irrigation for England's cotton-growing colony in the Sudan.

"Great Britain fears that Mussolini is getting ready to abandon the League of Nations and turn to an alliance with Hitler. According to recent reports, the attack of the Italian press on Britain was simultaneous with the lifting of the ban on various German newspapers" in Italy. (N.Y. Times, 6-9-35).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE S.F. CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Weekly Meeting, Friday, June 21

The last meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council was an unusually quiet session, giving the appearance of a deserted grave yard. A great many delegates were observed carrying the latest issue of the WESTERN WORKER, some of them reading it as they entered.

In spite of the tenseness within and without the hall, as if the delegates expected something unusual before them, nothing of the sort transpired.

County Supervisor Andrew J. Gallagher was seated as a duly accredited delegate from the Photo Engravers' Union. The question of the Industrial Association's snooping on the meeting, its vigilantes and its labor-smashing fund was not renewed at the meeting.

Meeting was called to order Friday evening, June 21, at 8 p. m.; minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.

Machinists' Lodge No. 68 presented a protest at the action of the Council in going into executive session and barring the public. Accepted and filed. International Longshoremen's Association Local No. 38-79 offered a similar protest, which was ruled out of order since it did not bear the local union's seal.

A resolution was presented condemning Chief of Police Quinn for sending arms and ammunition to the Police of Vancouver, B. C., to be used for strike breaking purposes. Passed unanimously without debate.

Council adjourned at 9:05 p. m.

ARIZ. STRIKERS SPREAD COPPER MINE STRUGGLE

FARMERS OFFER RELIEF, LABOR COUNCIL VOTES FUND TO STRIKERS

BISBEE, Ariz., June 24.—The local strike in the Dodge-Phelps Copper mines is gaining momentum and spreading rapidly, with every indication that the miners will soon be out 100 per cent. The regular force in the mines is about 1100 men; at present there are only about 350 scabs on the job, many of them school boys of 14 years and up. The company has about 100 gun-thugs hired for strike-breaking, but to date there has been little violence and only a few arrests.

The workers are in a fighting mood and are moving to build a representative rank and file strike committee to conduct the struggle properly.

A delegation of miners just returned from Douglas, Ariz., where they attempted to bring out the workers in the smelters where the Phelps-Dodge ore is smelted. The smelter workers did not come out, but did respond to a call for a mass meeting, and indications are they may strike in support of the miners.

Farmers of this area have offered to help with relief for the strikers and the Central Trades Council of Phoenix has just donated $20 to the strike relief. In addition, the Phoenix delegates are proposing in their own union locals that each local donate to the fund.

The strike for union recognition, better wages and hours, was forced by the Company when it fired 8 union miners who had been with them for years. Contrary to reports in the capitalist press of Arizona the strike was duly authorized, having been voted for by the necessary two-thirds majority of the members of Local No. 30, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Foreign News Briefs

Record Grain Crop in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, June 24.—The first official forecast of crop yields for this year, covering the southern regions of the Soviet Union, indicate a record crop. The estimated average for all grain crops in the south is 15.75 bushels an acre, which exceeds the plan set for the second five-year plan. Harvesting of the crop will begin by the end of June in the extreme South. No figures were given for the north or Siberia, where the crop was planted later.

Soviet Union Orders 50 Ships

MOSCOW, June 24.—Orders have been placed abroad for over fifty new steamers, totalling 300,000 tons. The Soviet government is determined to bring water transportation up to the high standard now being set by its railroads. Although many ships are being built in Soviet ports, the demand is so great that extensive orders have been placed abroad, and many old ships purchased.

Capitalists Prosper Under Nazis

BERLIN, Germany, June 24.—How the Nazis failed to keep their promises to aid the workers is shown by figures lately revealed showing the contrast between the high salaries received by capitalists and the low wages paid workers. The administrative council of the I. G. Dye Trust, with thirty-five members, receive 4,416,000 marks a year, or 126,000 ($50,000) each. Against this the metal workers, who are better paid than most other workers, get a weekly wage of 24.25 marks, or less than $10 a week.

Poland Suppresses Anti-Nazi Society

WARSAW, Poland, June 24.—Headquarters of the Jewish anti-Hitler boycott committee here were raided by police, all documents confiscated, and further activity forbidden. The raid is regarded as part of the understanding between Poland and Germany, to eventually form an alliance directed against the Soviet Union.

Danzig Editor Deported

DANZIG, June 24.—Theodor Loewy, Danzig correspondent of the Jewish Telegraph Agency and editor of the Danzig Echo, was ordered to leave Danzig within three days by the local Nazi government. Herr Loewy has lived in Danzig for many years, and was only arrested last week. Intervention by the League of Nation's High Commissioner for Danzig proved useless.

Ethiopia Arms for War

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, June 24.—Every male Ethiopian is required to have part time military training, as Emperor Haile Selassie completes plans to resist the Italian invasion expected to begin in the fall when weather conditions will permit military operations. Ethiopia expects to put an army of 800,000 in the field, which will be far better trained and armed than the army which licked the Italians so decisively nearly thirty years ago.

RICHIE RECALL SOUGHT BY SAN DIEGO FACTION

FLAG-WAVERS OBJECT TO EPIC ASSEMBLYMAN'S INTEGRITY

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 20.—The reactionary "Flag-Democrats" of the County Democratic Central Committee, are out to get Paul Richie, Assemblyman from the 79th district, who was elected on the EPIC-Democratic ticket last fall, because he hasn't been "playing ball" with them.

The latest move, according to a recent announcement by Harry Garber, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, is the launching of a recall movement against Richie, because of his refusal to have anything to do with the proposed recall of Miss Orfa Jean Shontz, member of the Board of Equalization, and for other reasons.

As for other reasons, Garber is not a bit original in his choice. He pulls out of his bag of tricks, the old, stale, "red-herring", which is beginning to stink awfully by now, it has been used so often.

According to Garber's statement: "Dr. E. H. Calvert, to whom Mr. Richie looks for guidance, has already been removed by the EPIC followers who are not in favor of the United Front movement of the Communist Party to which he subscribes by the fact that his proxy at the recent EPIC convention was given to Mr. Steinmetz with instructions to further the united front movement on the floor of the convention, which he did. I have received hundreds of letters which I have sent to Sen. Olson in reference to having action taken as soon as possible to eradicate the invasion of Communists into our party and those who do not adhere to the principles of Democracy as laid down by Thomas Jefferson."

Paul Richie is a thorn in [illegible] side of these reactionary politicians and they want to get rid of him. But the workers of East San Diego who elected him may have something to say about this putrid scheme.

Torgsin Covers Varied Field in Soviet Retailing

MOSCOW, June 24.—Torgsin (the State Corporation for Trade With Foreigners) did a record business last year and are steadily improving the quality and variety of their merchandise. Thousands of Americans of Russian extraction are using the Torgsin stores to send gifts to relatives or dependents in the Soviet Union.

Torgsin will arrange for a vacation (including transportation) in any designated summer resort. It procures tickets for motion picture houses, theater or opera. In small places where there is no Torgsin store, special Torgsin agents promptly make arrangement for deliveries of any merchandise or services desired.

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ARIZ. SUPREME COURT REFUSES BAIL FOR NAFF

WORKER FRAMED ON RIOT REMAINS IN JAIL FOR OUTCOME OF APPEAL

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 24.—Granting the certificate of "reasonable grounds of appeal," the Arizona State Supreme Court brazenly denied Clay Naff's petition for admission to bail pending the outcome of the appeal. Although admitting that there is a basis for Naff appeal, the Supreme Court is determined that this working class Communist leader must stay in prison.

Naff, who was Communist Party candidate in the last election for Governor, was convicted on framed charges of "riot" which grew out of the FERA relief workers strike here last September, when more than fifty workers were painfully wounded in a brutal fascist attack made by officers on the picket line. At the time of Naff's arrest on the strike picket line he was beaten unconscious by thugs and officers, acting under direct instructions from Governor B. B. Moeur "to eradicate Communism from the State of Arizona." In this fight the workers of Phoenix have faced the combined forces of city, county, state and federal officers as well as FERA hired thugs.

The denial of the right to bail means that Naff will undoubtedly serve his sentence before the Supreme Court acts on his appeal. Unless a strong, militant campaign of mass protest is inaugurated Naff will be forced to remain in Florence prison; other workers are faced with like destruction of their civil liberties. Workers and liberals! Shower your protest letters and telegrams on Chief Justice Lockwood of the Supreme Court and Governor B. B. Moeur, State Capitol, Phoenix. FREE CLAY NAFF.

CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM LAW REPEAL URGED BY VETERANS

Anti-Labor Statute Hit In Resolution Passed at V.F.W. Encampment

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., June 24.—At their 15th annual encampment, representatives of 18,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the Department of Nevada and California, June 16th to 19th, passed a resolution thoroughly condemning the California Criminal Syndicalism Law.

The resolution was introduced by Oakland Union Labor Post No. 1917, the only California Post representing organized labor, and copies were sent to Governor Merriam and the Calif. State legislators. The resolution said:

"Whereas; the California Criminal Syndicalism Law can be used against any militant worker who has committed no overt act of any kind, but is accused of having intention of committing such an overt act, and

"Whereas; such a law is contrary to the traditional freedom of expression of the citizens of the U. S., and to Article I of the Constitution of the United States, wherein its citizens are guaranteed freedom of speech, press and assemblage, and

"Whereas the Union Labor Post, the only California Post representing organized labor and defending the rights of labor to organize, strike and picket, is aware that it is the successful leader and organizer of labor who is subjected to prosecution under such a law during the present stressful economic conditions, has gone on record as favoring this resolution; be it therefore

"Resolved; that the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dept. of Calif. and Nevada, go on record as favoring the repeal of the present California Criminal Syndicalism Law."

C.S. Prisoner Is Denied the Right To Join Orchestra

SAN QUENTIN, June 25.—Persecution of class war prisoners in San Quentin continues. Jack Crane, who is an excellent violinist, was refused permission to join the prison orchestra by the warden and the captain of the guards because he was a Criminal Syndicalist prisoner and a Communist.

An attempt was made to frame J. B. MacNamara by prison authorities. When a prisoner next to him, Cornelison, went in to take a bath, he gave MacNamara a watch to hold. The guard, seeing him with the watch, pulled him out of line and accused him of stealing it. When the truth became known, they were forced to exonerate MacNamara.

The class war prisoners in San Quentin would like to hear from you. Write to them, as well as to the three C. S. victims in Tehachapi prison. Let them know the working class is behind them to the finish.

American League To Hold Reception For New Organizer

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Bert C. Leech, Jr., new organizer for the American League Against War and Fascism on the Pacific Coast will arrive in San Francisco, Wednesday, June 26. He has just finished a national tour for the league during which he has had great success in the organizing of chapters of the League.

A dance and reception will be given to welcome him on Saturday, June 29, 8 p. m., at 68 Haight street. There will be a 25c admission charge, and the proceeds of the affair will go to help finance an intensive anti-Hearst campaign.

The new headquarters of the League Against War and Fascism are at 68 Haight street, San Francisco.

CCC Expansion Now Under Way

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—The expansion of the CCC enrollees from 300,000 to 600,000 will start June 15, Robert Fechner, director of the CCC camps announced June 9. FERA figures show that 78 per cent of those that leave the camps remain jobless. 3348 need hospital treatment each week. 725 boys have died since the beginning of this program.

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JOB STRIKE IS HELD CRIME BY REACTIONARIES

FOLLOWS STRIKE ON S.S. MONTEREY

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Officials of the Marine Cooks and Stewards union are taking action to expel J. A. Heffron, E. Dye, N. Troy, A. Lee, and R. Lee, Waiters who lead the solidarity strike on the S.S. Monterey in protest against discrimination against one of their comrades.

At the last regular meeting of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union the stewards department delegate from the Monterey read a report of the incident. Following this report Fritchie, chairman, urged the expulsion of the above members charging them with agitating, prejudicing the shipowners against the union, and breaking the award.

In these charges he was actively supported by Burke, secretary, and his clique of hangers on.

The meeting elected a trial committee which has already arrived at a decision which will be acted upon at the next meeting. From reports of rank and file members Fritchie and Burke have been in contact with the committee trying to influence their decision. The placing of charges against these members automatically puts them on probation in the union.

The Matson Co. has placed them on the black list. Rank and file members look upon the move to expel these members as another strike-breaking action of Fritchie who is well remembered by many seamen as having made the lying statement to the Longshore Board in the 1934 strike that the shipowners "have always given the seamen the best of food."

Rank and file members of the sailors and firemens' union are taking steps to protest Fritchie's and Burke's action in their unions and plan to appeal to the District Council of the Maritime Federation if Fritchie and Burke succeed in expellng these militant union men.

World Events and Western Workers

British, Nazi Agreement Forecasts World Naval Race

By Emmett Kirby

Britain Uses New Tactics to Set Aside Versailles Treaty As "Scrap of Paper" and Try to Re-Build Anti-Soviet Front of European Capitalist Nations

The naval understanding just arrived at between Britain and Hitler and characterized by capitalist diplomacy as "one of the most startling European developments since the World War," contains a lot more to it than meets the eye.

The negotiations resulted in Britain's backing Nazi Germany's demands for an enlarged navy, granting a 35 to 100 ratio in strength and submarines up to 45 per cent of Britain's.

This means a navy in European waters almost equal to that of France, and exceeding that of Italy.

The understanding further provides that in the event of the other nations building more that new conversations will occur, aiming at enlarging the Nazi fleet.

✽ Naval Race Impends.

This act will undoubtedly result in a world-wide naval race with the lid off. The French imperialists will seek to keep their present superiority over Germany, while Italy certainly may be expected to keep up with France. The United States claims, and Wall St. will insist on, parity with Britain. And Japan now claims parity with the United States and Britain and will make a serious attempt to reach it after the expiration of the present agreements in 1936.

In the case of all these countries the largest peacetime naval expenditures have been pushed through their respective government bodies.

This is so much gravy for the armament makers. And the military experts will insist that since air fleets are more important, that the race shall not be confined to the sea, but go into planes as well. Echoes in the form of further enlargement of armies may be expected as well.

This move comes at a time when France had just made a step towards peace in cancelling the extra time the present class of conscripts were to be kept serving in readiness. The latter move was a reflection of the increased feeling of security due to the Soviet Union, France and Czecho-Slovakian Mutual Aid Pacts.

✽ Scrap of Paper.

The British move proves, as did the modern method of carrying on war without bothering to make a declaration first, that even their own international laws mean nothing to imperialists. One might expect that England who gained probably the most from the Versailles Treaty, would stand by it. But this action in reality treats that agreement as a scrap of paper. It sets up a new method of action, and not under the stress of war which the Kaiser claimed for upsetting a precedent.

Without consulting its allies in advance, Britain in fact set aside the provisions of Versailles. By this method one signator to a treaty can by agreement "legalize" the breaking of the treaty and so loose the chains set upon one imperialist country by a pack of imperialist countries. Admiral Simms, former commander of the U. S. navy forces in Europe during the World War, and now Foreign Editor for United Press, draws the not unwarranted conclusion from this that anyone of the signatories of the nine power treaty can in like measure "legalize" Japan's action in seizing Manchuria, Jehol, and now North China. Or other similar actions—in Abyssinia, for instance.

✽ Aims at USSR.

This sets a precedent which nullifies in effect all existing or previous treaties. Its reason is undoubtedly less that Britain fears an English Channel full of German submarines and a London sky black with Bombers, than it is the direction peace progress took with the signing of the USSR-Franco Mutual Aid Pact. For the latter brought not only a temporary security in Europe but blocked the plans Hitler loudly proclaimed for attacking the USSR and expanding into some of the fertile fields of Russia.

This plan, strongly backed by the Foreign Office under Sir John Simon, is continued by the present Foreign Secretary Sir Sam Hoare, under the new Premier Stanley Baldwin.

Instead of uniting in the Mutual Aid Pact against aggression, offered by France and the USSR to the whole world, Britain uses the club of Hitler re-armament to set the wardogs barking furiously again. What she conceded Italy in freedom of action in Ethiopia, she had taken back in supporting a Nazi fleet bigger than Mussolini's. The result is to set the rivalries more keenly started again, and the alternative is the purpose of Sir Anthony Eden's present visit and conversation with Laval.

✽ A Gentleman Plays the Game.

This Captain Eden is a gentleman, and a gentleman always plays the game. When he returned from Moscow and told the world that the Soviet Union genuinely desired peace he was sent to bed "sick," politically sick, as a means of shutting him up and teaching him he must play the game. When it came to picking the new Foreign Secretary following the resignation of the Ramsey McDonald government, Eden, the logical man, was sidetracked for the less capable Sir Samuel Hoare. The older Hoare was a gentleman and plays the game.

Eden's present position is unquestionably one of probation and before getting one of the higher offices which may be his instead of his lesser portfolio of Minister of League of Nations Affairs, he is now in France proving to his masters that he will play the game. And the proposal that he is bringing to Laval and the French capitalist government is the returning of the anti-Soviet front. Under the club of approved Nazi re-armament, France, it is hoped, will get over her anger and agree to a new "aerial defense league" initiated by Britain and Germany. Other members would include only France, Italy and Belgium. They would combine their forces to aid any of their number who attacked another, or who was attacked by an outside country.

✽ Pressure On France.

This means that Hitler would then be free whenever ready, to attack the Soviet Union, claim he was not the aggressor, and then count on the rest of the members to back him. In this circumstance if France stood by her pact with the Soviet Union, she would be attacked by the combined forces of Germany, Britain, Belgium and Italy. If not she would be bound to join the attack on the Soviet Union.

That Laval acted under the pressure of the French people and against his own "principles" in signing the Moscow pact is well known. Now, as Premier, and almost able to rule by emergency decree until November, his position is somewhat changed and Britain is trying to capitalize upon this and weld one once more the riven anti-Soviet front. Britain has provided him with a first-class excuse to do it, for the Soviet Union would not war on France for breaking the pact and they know it.

Whether or not Laval will dare to make the move can only be guessed at. The determining factor, just as it was in the original signing of the Moscow Pact, is the strength of the working class Front Populaire and its Fight Against Imperialist War and Fascism.

Since the signing of that treaty two months ago, the sympathy toward the Soviet Union and its peace policy and the fight against war has increased tremendously. Various demonstrations, but particularly the victories at the elections in May have brought that out. This front and its pressure forced the dissolution of the Flandin cabinet and prevented three following attempts to set up a government which wanted, as Flandin, to rule completely by emergency decree. From that, the step to fascism is not a long one. Laval only succeeded in getting approval when he limited this program and bargained with various pseudo-Socialist "leaders." On the face of it, his position is not sufficiently secure to justify his agreeing with Eden's proposals. But class interest has dominated his whole carreer, and he serves the class of the imperialists.

The impending naval and airplane race is the fruit of a whole series of war scare events since the international congress of munitions makers on the Riviera three short months ago. It will reap larger profits for them than they have known in years. And those profits will come from just one place, out of the increased taxes, out of wage cuts and worsened conditions for the working class. At this time the move of the A. F. of L. Bureaucracy to remove all Communists from the unions is no accident. The militants alone are capable of turning the Federation of Labor into an instrument which will fight, instead of supporting, war preparations and a new naval race.

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HELP YOUR PAPER GROW

Petition Drive To Free Herndon Begun By I.L.D.

2,000,000 Signatures Needed on Demand Class-War Prisoner Go Free; History Of Frame-Up Case Reviewed

SAN FRANCISCO, June 20.—An appeal for 2,000,000 signatures on a petition to the Governor of Georgia, demanding Angelo Herndon's freedom and repeal of the pre-civil war statute under which he was framed, is contained in a letter written by Herndon to the Western Worker.

For two years this courageous Negro worker has stood in the shadow of a virtual death sentence,—18 to 20 years on a Georgia chain gang. The letter follows:

WESTERN WORKER,
37 Grove street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Comrades:

For a short time, at any rate, I have again been saved from the Georgia chain-gang. The execution of the sentence that condemns me to serve 18 to 20 years in chains on the Georgia roads, was stayed on June 11, when Justice Owen J. Roberts of the U. S. Supreme Court, yielding to the indignation aroused by my sentence, agreed to a postponement until the court can consider my application for re-hearing, in the fall.

✽ Not for Any Crime.

Of course all the regular readers of the Western Worker are already familiar with my case. For the benefit of those who are seeing the paper for the first time, I want to say the following: I was sentenced in 1933, not for any "crime", but for leading a thousand Negro and white workers to the Fulton County commissioners to ask for bread. The police found among my possessions, when they raided my house without a warrant, pamphlets, and leaflets calling for equal rights for the Negro people. For these actions I was indicted on a statute originating in the days before the Civil War, designed to crush the revolts of slaves against their masters.

✽ Grave Issues.

The regular readers of the Western Worker know also how the United States Supreme Court, on May 20, washed its hands of the grave issues involved in my case—the right of free speech, assemblage, the right of workers to organize, the right of white and Negro to mingle together. The highest court did not pass on these issues. It clutched instead at the straw of a false technicality, and refused to consider the merits of the case at all. From this decision, three of the Supreme Court justices dissented.

The International Labor Defense, which has all along fought for my freedom, is now launching a campaign for two million signatures to a petition to be presented to Govenor Eugene Talmauge of Georgia. This petition will demand my freedom. It will demand also that the shameful slave-law be taken off the Georgia statute-books. Eighteen persons other than myself have been arrested under this law, and are now awaiting trial. Ten of them are members of the International Workers Order, arrested simply for their membership in that organization.

✽ Get Petitions.

The petitions to the Governor of Georgia will be circulated in every state. I appeal to the readers of the Western Worker to obtain these petitions, and to take them into every place where workers and their friends gather.

I appeal to the readers of the Western Worker also to send to the U. S. Supreme Court protest telegrams, protest letters, demanding a re-hearing on my case in the fall.

Above all, I ask for speed, for quick action. The period of freedom that I have won is very, very short.

Fraternally,
Angelo Herndon.

EUREKA LUMBER STRIKERS STAND AGAINST TERROR

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Holmes-Eureka mill with tear gas bombs and pistol fire, immediately after the pickets had prevented some car loads of scabs from entering the mill.

✽ Police Attack.

A carload of cops arrived, right on the heels of the pickets, and immediately began their offensive. The officers were so eager to start things that they exploded a tear-gas bomb in one of their own cars in frantic efforts to throw it. A few scattered shots were fired, and a girl picket went down, struck by a tear bomb. The strikers believed her to be struck by a bullet and rushed the police with intention of disarming them. A general melee followed, with pickets shot down right and left, while attempting to defend themselves with rocks and other missiles.

An attempt to machine-gun the workers failed when the machine-gun jammed in the hands of the officer.

A second car of police came, with guns drawn, and so anxious were they to get into the affray that the officers in the front seat fired through their own windshield at the unarmed strikers who surrounded them. Capitalist papers in Eureka printed pictures of the car, trying to make it appear that the pickets did the damage to the windshield.

✽ Five Cops Injured.

Five officers were injured in the fight, but none of them went to a hospital, or even left the scene until the job of smashing the picket line and jailing the workers was completed.

Ten Federal officers,—the famous "G-men," helped jail the strikers.

With this beginning the police carried through their strike-breaking job with wholesale round-ups of militant workers and raids of various workers' centers. With the assistance of vigilante groups they raided the hall of the Finnish Federation at 1418 A street and jailed the janitor and his son; they closed down the strikers' relief kitchen which had been serving no less than a thousand meals a day with the assistance of the Eureka Local of the Cooks and Waiters Union. Brick Ward, manager of the kitchen, was threatened with lynching.

✽ SERA Camp Raided.

A SERA transient camp at Nicland Prairie, twenty miles away, was raided and many workers jailed. The Hooverville, or "jungle", on the outskirts of Eureka was raided, the men driven out, and the shacks burned to the ground.

While all this was going on, A. H. Peterson, (Pedro Pete) newly appointed organizer for the International Longshoremen's Association, one of the most notorious labor fakers on the Coast arrived here with Dan Cameron, right hand man of Abe Muir, the faker who failed to sell-out the lumber strike in Washington.

They were supposed to have come, at the request of the workers, to organize a boycott on "hot" lumber, which the Eureka longshoremen refuse to handle. But instead of this they went into "conference" with the mayor, the lumber bosses, the police and other important union-busters and came out with the announcement that they were "seeking a settlement."

Shortly before the assault and subsequent terror the STWU local had voted to place all defense work for arrested strikers in the hands of the International Labor Defense. J. A. Luster, Secretary of the local, was instructed to so notify the ILD, but as yet he has failed to do so.

✽ I.L.D Sends Lawyer.

A worker in Eureka, on his own initiative, wired the ILD in San Francisco, and Leo Gallagher and George Andersen were both sent to Eureka June 23. Luster could not be found to give them official authorization to defend the arrested workers, and so far it has been necessary to hunt up relatives and get their signatures. Through this slow process the cases of Williford, president of the local, Mickey Lind, Johnson, and others have been placed in the hands of the ILD.

Williford reports that while he was in jail Pedro Pete and Cameron visited him and tried to persuade him to repudiate the ILD, which he refused to do. Neither of them has yet organized any sort of adequate defense.

✽ Blanket Charges.

All the jailed workers were first held on blanket charges of riot, a high misdemeanor. Since then the authorities have been sifting them out and bringing various charges, such as "assault," "battery," and many felony charges.

A mass funeral was held today for William Kaarte, murdered picket, with members of the brewery, textile and other unions participating.

The companies against whom the workers are striking are the Pacific Lumber Co., Hammond and Little, River Lumber Co., Holmes-Eureka, Dolbeer and Carson, and the California Barrel Co.

Seattle Fakers

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as $50 for "confidential investigations and expenditures for special services by persons outside the bureau; $100 for "newspaper subsidies, circulation, etc.", and $75 for "mimeographing, mailing and distribution."

✽ Waterfront Bosses Too.

At least twenty of the largest lumber mills in the Northwest are listed as belonging to the Puget Sound Associated Mills which backs the "Labor Educational Bureau" and pays the wages of the five labor skates listed on letterheads of the "bureau."

Waterfront Employers' representatives frankly admitted their connection with the "Bureau."

FRAMEUP CLEAR AS M'LEAN TRIAL DRAWS TO CLOSE

COPS ON STAND FORCED TO ADMIT ATTEMPT TO RAILROAD STRIKER

LOS ANGELES, June 20. — The obvious police frame-up has been revealed in the $20,000 damage suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of James C. McLean against Chief of Police James E. Davis and ten other Los Angeles police officers.

McLean, arrested last December during the street car strike, was jailed on a framed charge of arson in connection with the burning of a street car at Third and Bixel Streets.

✽ Wirin Heads Defense.

Attorney A. L. Wirin of the A.C.L.U. is conducting the case. The trial is being held in Judge Arthur's court on the thirteenth floor of the City Hall.

Despite the repeated objections of Deputy City Attorney Thatcher Kemp and the adverse rulings of Judge Coats, Wirin is bit by bit laying bare the facts of the attempted frame-up. The City Attorney raised the issue of Communism at the very beginning of the trial but when McLean from the witness stand, **brought out the class issues in the case and the program of the Communist Party, the jury, several members of which are on relief, became very interested. The City Attorney speedily dropped this line of questioning.**

✽ Frame-Up Facts.

Facts brought out in the case so far show that: (1) Detectives Smith and Bowers admitted they arrested McLean without a warrant and searched his apartment without a warrant; (2) Captain Katsenberger, head of the strike detail, admitted he gave orders for the arrest and intimated he had received information from a stool pigeon; (3) Luke Lane, head of the "Red Squad," admitted in testimony that he had informed the strike detail that McLean was a "Red," that he, Lane, had been present at Seventh and Broadway when McLean burned his hand when he picked up a tear gas bomb fired into a crowd of pedestrians by the strike detail, that the "Red Squad" kept detailed records of every striker or any person holding liberal or radical opinions; (4) That police received "free meals" at certain restaurants during the strike.

Portland Records

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Ahern's automobile and had them copied at the police station, then returned them."

She says that one night when she was to have met Captain Keegan two men arrived, locked her in a room and "grilled me for six hours trying to get me to sign a statement to the effect that Mat Meehan met Harry Bridges that evening and attended an International Labor Defense meeting."

"This was the evening that Matt was to have instructed the Portland delegates to the convention to vote for Harry Bridges."

Miss Waller's final sworn statement concludes with:

"I am giving this to Matt Meehan to be used in case anything should happen to me or that he shouldn't hear from me or that he needs it for his own protection."

The entire gang of reactionaries implicated in Miss Waller's statements, reprinted in full in the "Voice of Action," militant Seattle workers' paper, for Friday, were active in pushing the policies of the reactionary machine at both the Maritime Federation machine and the Longshore Convention at Portland a few weeks later.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY S.F. SECTION CONVENTION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, JUNE 16

Need to Increase Membership and Build Party Influnce in Trade Unions Is Stressed By Resolution

PART 2.

The situation among the locals of the PWUU in San Francisco is such that an immediate change in the method of functioning must be made if we are to provide real leadership for the struggle of the unemployed against Roosevelt's new work relief program. As the situation is today, the City Council of the PWUU acts not as a guide and leading body to coordinate the activities of the various locals in mass work, but merely as a breeding spot for personal antagonisms and sectarian tendencies of the comrades in the various locals. Instead of the City Council acting as a leading body, the delegates from each local to the City Council come in with their own particular proposals affecting only their particular local, and refuse to cooperate in a city-wide campaign to organize the unemployed.

In fact, when the city organizer of the PWUU wanted to propose a mass campaign in anticipation of Roosevelts' new work relief program, he thought it necessary first to get the proposal adopted by one local and then use that locals' delegates in an effort to convince the other delegates to the City Council to adopt the program.

✽ Need Proper Leadership.

The fact that the half-dozen small locals now organized can maintain themselves with the small membership they have and carrying some activities is proof that given proper leadership with functioning Communist fractions, there is every possibility for the growth of these locals and the building of a vital mass movement of the unemployed.

This convention proposes that the incoming Section Committee take immediate steps to launch a united front campaign to resist the cutting off of hundreds of unemployed from relief work, to fight against the cut in work relief which will approximate 50%, and the resulting wage cuts in private industry. This campaign to include Epics, Utopian, Communists and especially an attempt should be made to involve the trade unions, as there is no doubt that wage cuts in private industry will follow on the heels of the application of Roosevelt's new works program on the SERA scheduled to begin July 1st in San Francisco.

The consistent refusals of the comrades in the PWUU to establish locals on the projects must also be immediately corrected, even though there is difficulty because the workers are being shifted from one project to another. Unless functioning PWUU groups exist on the projects themselves, there is small possibility for united action against grievances on the job.

✽ United Front.

Preliminary negotiations for the nomination of a united labor ticket in San Francisco, with participation of the Communist Party, Democratic Council and as many other working class organizations and especially trade unions, as possible, make it necessary that we take immediate steps to strengthen the existing united fronts, such as the Conference for the Repeal of the CS Law, and the American League Against War and Fascism. As far as possible, the struggles of the unemployed for security and against reductions in relief budgets should be carried on a united front basis as outlined above. It is at this time especially important that we initiate united front activities in sub-section territories on a sub-section scale. Especially must we attempt to build up, wherever possible, a series of round-table conferences throughout San Francisco. Units and sub-sections in those territories where there are Democrat Epic Assembly Clubs, Utopian groups, etc., should at once approach these groups with a view to establish round-table conferences on various questions which are vital to the interests of the workers, along the lines outlined in the District Organizational Letter for June, 1935. Also, mass meetings can be arranged by the round-table conferences in the various neighborhoods.

✽ Young Communist League.

The last meeting of the District Committee at which every San Francisco sub-section organizer was present, passed a motion that disciplinary action would be taken against any sub-section organizer who had not seen to it that his quota of Party members were assigned to YCL work. This was a month ago. Since then every sub-section has held special membership meetings at which the YCL was one of the main points on the agenda. However, so far, only the Downtown and Fillmore sub-sections have assigned their quotas to the YCL. The North Beach sub-section made an assignment of one comrade and then turned around and took a YCL comrade and made him Party Org. Sec'y. The other sub-sections have taken no steps to fulfill the decision of the District Committee.

It is necessary that the YCL in San Francisco be strengthened if we are to take any serious progress towards winning the youth as a factor in the coming period of struggle. The Party sub-sections are absolutely responsible to see to it that the YCL is strengthened by the assignment of new and able forces, and also to see to it that the forces assigned are functioning properly. This convention instructs all sub-section committees as the first point on the agenda at the next sub-section committee meetings to take up the question of assigning forces to the YCL and set a period of two weeks in which such assignments must be made. All sub-section committees should have representatives of the YCL with them in order to coordinate the work of the Party and the YCL.

✽ Must Be Turning Point.

This convention must be a turning point in our methods of work. We resolve that we shall make every party member in every subsection an active, dues-paying member.

We set ourselves the control task of recruiting into the Party in San Francisco 150 new members into the Communist Party, and thirty members into the YCL by August 1st, based on our work in the unit territories, and in mass organizations. The incoming section committee is Instructed to divide these recruiting quotas among the various sub-sections, according to their size and the mass work the membership is engaged in carrying on.

The solution to lack of recruiting, poor unit attendance, poor dues payments, inadequate Western Worker circulation lies in mass work. Special attention must be paid to checking up the work of the Party fractions in mass organizations, and especially in the trade unions as the key not only to strenghtening the growth of the rank and file movement in the trade unions generally, but also to the vital problem of building broad united front movements on those vital issues which affect the workers whether employed or unemployed, and to the building of working class unity in the coming municipal elections in San Francisco.

SAN PEDRO COPS MURDER FRIEDL BY MISTAKE

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three union members prominent in the move to expel him from the Firemen. Smallman was alone when assaulted. Two of his ribs were broken and he received severe head injuries. He collapsed when taken to the hospital.

The attempts of police to connect Friedl with the very rank and file movement which he had attempted to smash were completely discredited by the membership of the Firemen's Union. Seamen branded the police alibi as an obvious attempt to raise the "red scare."

Harry D. Norman, manager of the local branch of the Marine Engineers' Association, and Capt. Sorren Wissing, manager of the Pedro branch of the Masters, Mates and Pilots, informed Detective Captain A. C. Gentry of the San Pedro police they are positive Friedl was not a Communist as "he had always been active in combating radicals."

✽ Admit Raids.

They brought out the fact that Communist literature found by police in Friedl's apartment had been given him by other union reactionaries who, they are reported to have said, "had seized it in a Communist raid," further proving that Friedl had been active in the terrorist raids against San Pedro militants over a period of months.

Norman and Wissing are reported in the Los Angeles Times as declaring that "their organizations are ready to start a drive to combat the efforts of Communists to gain control of all maritime unions." Reactionary union officials, cooperating with shipowners, already have announced a campaign to oust militant rank and filers from the unions in all Pacific Coast ports.

BUILD THE Western Worker ARMY

"Show Up the Fakers and the Workers Will Read Your Paper," Writes Reader from Palo Alto

"Give 'em hell," writes L. N. from Palo Alto. "There is no better way to build the WESTERN WORKER army than to show up the labor fakers. If we get around to the workers with papers, and give them a chance to read it, then getting subscriptions will be like taking candy from a baby. When the San Francisco Examiner has to rewrite and garble a story the WESTERN WORKER carried two days before, to slander the Sailors for ousting fakers, then it's time for the workers to read their own paper. Here's my subscription and keep up the good work."

Pismo Beach is determined to sell the WESTERN WORKER. It has ordered 50 copies besides the usual 25 to be used in connection with a meeting called to hear J. E. Snyder, who is touring the state in connection with the Western Worker drive to get an additional 3500 readers by Labor Day, September 2. We expect to hear of a flock of subscriptions from Pismo Beach.

Snyder will be in San Luis Obispo, June 27 and 28, in Santa Barbara, June 30 and July 1, in Ventura, July 2, Oxnard, July 3, and in Los Angeles and vicinity, July 4 to 7. He will be in Santa Ana, July 12, and in San Diego, July 14.

As the editor of the first WESTERN WORKER, in 1920-22, Comrade Snyder knows the value of the working class press. He also knows California Labor history, and can tell of the early trials and tribulations of the I. W. W.s, the Palmer raids, and the Criminal Syndicalism trials. He visited the Soviet Union as a delegate at the invitation of nineteen million Soviet trade unionists. You and your friends will miss a lot if you fail to go and hear him when he comes to your town.

J. H. of San Francisco, writes in to tell what he is doing to get subscriptions. He has already turned in three this week. He leaves a copy of each issue at the prospects he intends to work on for several issues. They have a chance to read the paper and find out the truth. When he comes around to get their subscription the rest is easy. Let's hear of other comrades doing good work getting subscriptions.

Sixty-four subscriptions the first week, 92 last week. How many will come in during the third week? Remember, these figures don't represent net gains. A certain number of subscriptions expire every week, so we will have to get subscriptions at a rapid rate if we want to build up circulation.

Eureka sent in a couple of subscriptions in the last few days. The lumber strike region should be a good place to get subscriptions; workers on strike begin to realize the need of a paper which will educate them on the best way to fight for their demands. They will be fed up by reading in the bosses' papers why they should be satisfied with lower wages and not strike against their employers. Just as last year, in the longshore strike, the WESTERN WORKER was the only paper which carried the true news of what was going on, so this year the lumber strike can only be followed accurately in the WESTERN WORKER.

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ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Anita Whitney.

A LETTER FROM TOM MOONEY

Dear Comrades:

I wish to express my most sincere appreciation of the beautiful floral piece sent by the comrades of District 13 to my dear mother, Mary Mooney, who never ceased hoping and working in my behalf.

It is just such expressions of loyal friendship that give me strength and enable me to carry on this 19-year old fight for freedom. Your kind expression of support has touched the deepest emotions within my being, and I sincerely hope that no action of mine will ever give you cause to regret your confidence in me. I shall always try to live up to the highest traditions of the working class—always struggling for its advancement.

With the best wishes for success in your worthy efforts, I am

Sincerely and gratefully
Tom Mooney
31921.

GARRISON APPEAL FRIDAY

Workers and sympathizers are urged to appear in the Appellate Division Court, on the fourth floor of the City Hall, Friday morning (the 27th) at 10:30, when the case of Jim Garrison will be heard.

Garrison was arrested at a street meeting, corner Ellis and Fillmore, last July 28th, charged with refusing to move on. He was tried and found guilty in March. The I.L.D. appealed the case through its attorney, George Anderson. At present, Garrison is out on $500 bail furnished by the I.L.D.

CHANDLERS' CASE DENIED

The Chandlers' cases, in the lower court for destruction of property and in the higher court for false arrests, directed against the City of San Francisco and against certain members of the red squad, were denied. An interested spectator in the higher court was Warren of the State Federation of Labor, known for his attempted sell-out of the Jackson miners.

HELP EUREKA STRIKE

Telegram by the I.L.D. to Williford, president of the Sawmill and Loggers Local at Eureka two hours after the news appeared on the streets:

"Read in press about fifty workers arrested and one murdered by police. We will be glad to send our attorney to defend these workers free, also help raise bail and protest against this vicious police and vigilante terror."

Workers and sympathizers: write and telegraph to Eureka authorities, protesting against fascist methods.

CASE DISMISSED

The case of William Newman and George Burns, arrested on Youth Day 1934 (when there were 63 known cases of split workers' heads) had been pending up to last Friday. The comrades were out on bail furnished by the I.L.D. On the 21, both were dismissed without trial.

The case of Archie Brown (see this column, issue of June 20), has been postponed to June 24th, when a trial date will be set—so it is said.

HELP DELLA DALE

Workers and sympathizers: we hope you will pack Judge Lazarus' courtroom on the 25th, when the case of Della Dale will be heard. The case will undoubtedly last two days. You will remember that Della, Dale, aged 53, was brutally beaten by the police. Demand investigation and prosecution of the policemen who are responsible.

Farmers Support Omaha Strikers

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., June 21.—Farmers of the Holiday Association in three Iowa counties brought $500 worth of food in trucks to support the striking members of the Omaha Tram Workers, Local 1002. The farmers pledged continued aid to the strikers, pointing out that they have a common cause with the workers.

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Sailors Sent To Work With 7 Armed Finks

FAKER PERSUADED SHIPS DELEGATE TO SELL OUT GOLDEN STAR STRIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Due in a great measure to lack of support from union officials, and especially the resistance of Silver, the union members of the Golden Star have been forced to end a three-day strike against seven armed scabs.

Answering the attempted intimidation by scab members of the crew, the firemen had walked off demanding that the American Hawaiian Company dismiss the finks.

The Sailors followed in spite of Silver who had told rank and file militants that the sailors had nothing to do with the firemen. The longshoremen refused to walk through the picket line, resulting in the ship laying idle for three days.

To the demand that the scabs be dismissed, Captain King of the American Hawaiian had answered that, "If the lives of the men were threatened, they could quit."

Rank and file members of the Sailors Union believe that it was the influence of Silver on the Golden Star's ships' delegate that resulted in the sailors going back to work without taking steps to rid the ship of the finks. Many members, however, are saying that "they will not forget the Golden Star, and will make it a special point to deal with the finks when the ship comes to town again."

SEEING RED!

By Terry Casey.

Scientists have developed a noiseless doorbell. And those who have listened to Gen. Johnson and Huey Long wish they would hurry up and invent a noiseless dumbbell.

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BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"We are unalterably opposed to political control of banking."—Ohio Bankers Association.

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Sir Sam Hoare, new British Foreign Secretary, is reputedly a fine ice skater. What of Britain's "Hands off" agreement in Abyssinia it might be well to warn Sir Hoare that the ice is awful thin, if at all in the Sudan.

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OLD ADAGE GONE MODERN

Take care of the pennies and Wall St. will take care of the dollars themselves.

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HYMN OF A HEARST HIRELING

The truth, you'll find, is pretty rare
Within those printed columns where
The Truth should have her place.
The reason is the bosses' news
Is written for the guys who choose
To kick her in the face.
—R. R. C.

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WRITE YOUR OWN CAPTION

To aid auto traffic in San Francisco Police Chief Quinn is putting 300 dummy policemen at intersections.

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The cardboard policemen have a sign above them saying "We love our children. BE CAREFULL."

Of course a college education is not necessary for a bull, but you would think that the kind of hoorans who have to prime themselves up to protect scabs would know how to spell, and when not to spell "Full."

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That "We love our children" is touching, coming from Quinn, who just proved his class solidarity by sending the Vancouver bulls submachine guns, gas and bullets to use against stevedores up there, who are striking for more food for their children. The bullets were not cardboard dummies.

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A tourist was blowing off last week on having made it to the East Coast on eighty gallons of gas. Hell, many a tool has made the jump over the Rockies and landed in Washington on that much hot air.

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CRISIS IN THE CATHEDRAL

Notice in a church:

"Worshippers who intend to put buttons into the collection box are requested to give their own and not pull them off the hassocks."—Christian Science Monitor.

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THE RACE FOR THE PORK BARREL

Senators and Representatives will face stiff early primaries next year. Otherwise the time for the Pig Push is next spring.—Mispoint in Washington paper.

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What are these rumors we hear that the G-men have decided on a "Be Kind to Mahan Week?"

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A service station friend tells me this is the kind of service the Standard Oil expects out of them, and is one of the reasons why they fight the men's attempt to organize.

K. R. Kingsbury, S. O. big shot in California, drove into a station and got his tank filled. Then he sat there waiting.

"Check the oil, sir?" asked the attendant.

"No, it's all right."

"Water in the radiator, sir?"

"It's full."

The attendant looked at the windshield. It was crystal clean.

"Windshield, sir?" he asked.

"No, no."

"Anything else, sir?"

"Yes, stick out your tongue so I can seal this letter."

Prize Winning Play Will Be Presented New Theater Night

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—Dramatic, dance and musical groups will participate in a gala New Theater Night to be held Saturday and Sunday nights, July 13 and 14 at the Pine street Playhouse under the auspices of the New Theater League.

Among the plays to be presented are the Theater Union Prize-winning one-act play "God's in His Heaven", and sketches from "Parade", the current Theater Guild production.

A new pamphlet, "Hearst—Labor's Enemy No. 1", by James Casey, 3c. Read it, sell it to your neighbors, and help build the boycott.

AT THE MOVIES

RECOMMENDED ENTERTAINMENT—SCREEN AND STAGE

SAN FRANCISCO—With the "Peace on Earth" company taking a week's vacation, and no movies of real importance to be seen, there is nothing left at the theaters but the escape dope from Hollywood. The best of this seems to be "No More Ladies" at the St. Francis, in the way of sex stuff; and "The Man Who Knew Too Much", at the Embassy, a detective affair.

—We suggest that instead of wasting your money on such trips that you buy a copy of New Theater Magazine (at any newsstand), and settle down to a couple of hours' pleasure.

LOS ANGELES—"Song of Happiness", Soviet film at the Filmarte. Starts 7:15 and 9:15 p. m. A cinematic lightweight but you'll like it.

"DESERTER"

"Deserter" confirms our conviction that Pudovkin is Soviet Russia's finest working revolutionary director. The film inevitably compels comparison with "Chapayev"; and in total impact its effect is a great deal more powerful. In other words, "Deserter" ranks as one of the tops Soviet pictures.

The film deals with conditions of existence of the Hamburg shipyard workers, and their struggle to improve their lot by strike. The time is pre-Hitler. A foreword appropriately explains the relationship of the action to the even worse conditions now prevailing.

Act for act, incident for incident, the story of the strike parallels perfectly similar struggles in this country, or any country, during the present period. The universality of capitalism's oppression and brutality as pictured here endows this film with a world appeal equalled in few Soviet films. "Deserter" has a close-fitting applicability to any workers audience anywhere.

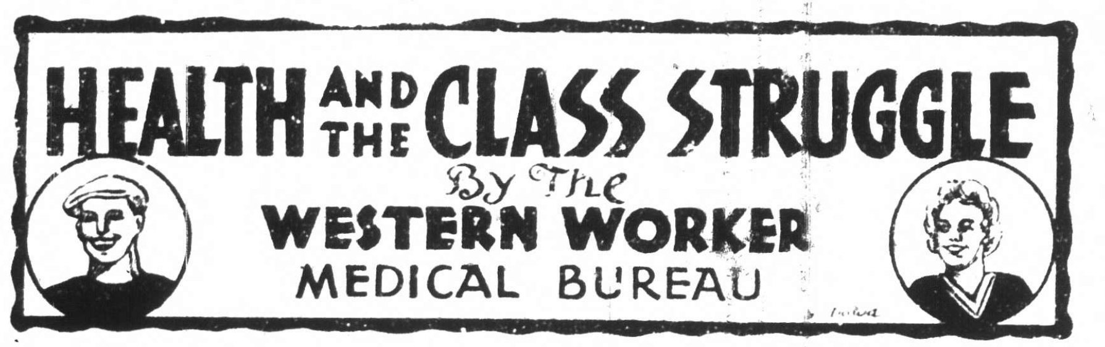
Pudovkin indicates the revolutionary solution for the social conditions at the root of the strike by taking one of the strikers to the Soviet Union. What follows is the only really weak part of the film, Pudovkin having chosen contrast sequences which probably satisfy a Soviet audience but which are too Hip-hip-Hooray for any other audience.

Throughout the film we are treated to some of the finest portraiture (close-ups) and camera work ever seen on the screen. Pudovkin's ability to intensify the relationship among people by photographic representation with other people, or things, is unequalled in the motion picture world. One of these shots, of strikebreakers filtering into an open space in preparation for an attack upon pickets, is reminiscent of a similarly fine scene in "1905" ("Mother").

Those who are familiar with Pudovkin's genius were not surprised that the films supremest quality was its treatment of the individual not only as an individual, but with close regard always to his relationship to the mass. No other director has been able to compare to Pudovkin in this most important base of all film action.

Some of the sequences drag a little, some shots are too long, and Pudovkin is still a bit too fond of his wonderful portraiture; but "Deserter" is undoubtedly one of the best achievements of the Soviet film makers.

We hope that "Deserter" will be seen here again following its short two-day presentation at 121 Haight.



More letters and questions from our readers are wanted. If you are in doubt about some point dealing with health, your own or somebody else's, write us a letter about it and it will be answered. Address communications to this column, care of WESTERN WORKER, 37 Grove street, San Francisco.

UNCLE SAM'S GAS AND HOW TO COMBAT IT

As we all know, Uncle Sam is always very much concerned about the health of his workers. If they go out on strike for higher wages, the National Guard follows his advice and gives them a treatment with bullets and poison gas. This improves the striker's health very much.

In fact, to make sure that all National Guard Officers know just what dosage of gas to give and how to give it, Uncle Sam's Chemical Warfare School at the Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, issues a manual entitled, "Instruction for the control of Mobs by Non-Lethal Chemicals." A copy of this is kept under lock and key in the leading California library and was obtained by us only under great difficulty.

According to the manual there are three types of gas which are best used against "mobs". These are tear gas, called "CN," vomiting gas (DM), and a "CN-DM" mixture.

They are really not gases but extremely fine powders, which form a cloud. The tear gas irritates the mucous membranes (linings) of the eyes, the nose, and the rest of the air-passages and stimulates the muscular lining of the stomach and intestines. The vomiting gas doesn't attack the eyes, but attacks the air-passages and stimulates the muscular lining of the stomach and intestines. It causes sneezing, coughing, vomiting and a combination of the two cases causes of course all the symptoms.

All three gases remain only 10 minutes in strong enough concentration in the open to cause trouble. The two tear-gas mixtures are contained in hand and rifle grenades and the vomiting gas is furnished only in candles. These latter are the small pots which do not explode, but gradually discharge the gas.

The most practical question for workers is, what protection is there against these weapons? The best is some form of gas mask, which is the only effective protection against vomiting gas. A pair of tight-fitting goggles will protect the eyes against tear gas. Good protection of the air passages is afforded by holding or binding some form of cellulose over the nose and mouth. The best form of cellulose goes under the name of "Kotex." This strains the powder out of the air as it is breathed through the pad.

If goggles or cellulose pads are not on hand, a fair emergency protection is a silk handkerchief held over the face. Silk has a very fine mesh and strains out the powder.

First-aid for victims of tear-gas consists in washing out the eyes with a boric acid solution made by dissolving a teaspoonful of boric acid powder in one-half glass of water. If boric acid is not on hand, the victim should face the wind with the eyes open.

First aid for vomiting gas victims is to breath the air in a closed room that has chlorine gas in low concentration. This should be carried out under the direction of a doctor. During the Marine Strike of a year ago, a vomiting gas attack was suspected and we had a room fixed up in the Marine Workers' Industrial Union headquarters to treat the possible victims.

If these and similar instructions are widely spread among strikers, the police are not so likely to use gas, because it won't do them much good.

6000 WORKERS NOW IN CONTRA COSTA UNIONS

UNION RECOGNIZED BY SHELL OIL CO.

RICHMOND, Calif., June 24.—With the Shell Oil Co's. recognition of the oil workers' union, and with the Crockett Sugar Refinery workers 100 per cent organized with 1000 in their union, Contra Costa County now has around 6000 workers organized into unions.

The sugar company originally organized their workers into a company union in an effort to create a machine to break the militant strike of the longshoremen and warehousemen. Realizing the game the bosses were playing the workers changed the company union's constitution so instead of a two-thirds vote being required it took only a majority vote to affiliate with the A. F. of L. The vote to affiliate with the A. F. of L. was carried three to one.

Austrian Workers Give Lie To Bauer Reformism

Social, Democrat Theoritician Says No Proletarian Action Is Possible Under Fascism; Workers Win Strikes Under United Front Communist Party Slogans

On February 12, 1934, the Austrian workers took to the streets in an armed protest against the approach of a fascist regime. One month after the uprising had been suppressed, with a viciousness already well known, Otto Bauer, intellectual leader of the Austrian Social Democracy, which was the pride of the Second International, printed in "Der Kampf," monthly theoretical organ of the Party, an article purporting to prove that all proletarian action was impossible in Austria until after fascism had been removed by some natural cataclysm.

On February 12, 1935, one year after the uprising, the Austrian workers, acting under United Front slogans put forward by the illegal Communist Party of Austria, took part in a series of economic and political strikes. Many of these strikes were won and once more Otto Bauer was proven wrong.

✻ Bauer Played Traitor.

Otto Bauer refused to give leadership to the Austrian workers when they were prepared for struggle. The trade union bureaucracy in America—the Greens, the Wolls, the Lewis' and the rest—likewise refuse to give leadership to American workers who are ready to struggle against the new wage cutting drive begun by the bosses.

Following are descriptions of two of the many strikes won by the Austrian workers on February 12, 1935. The are translated and reprinted from "Die Rote Fahne," organ of the illegal Communist Party of Austria.

Nothing could more clearly illustrate the necessity of doing away with reformist and bourgeois leadership in American trade unions than the heroic struggle of the Austrian workers. They themselves have given us the answer to the employed co-operation proposals of the American trade union fakers, the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill, for instance.

SUCCESSFUL STRIKE OF THE ETERNA FACTORY

Just as the workers in numerous other factories did on the 12th of February, the 650 workers of the Eterna factory also struck. At the same time, thousands of leaflets were thrown into the factory. On the next day, the Heimwehr occupied the factory and searched everything for illegal propaganda material, even the mess kids of the workers. This was repeated on the following day, but nothing incriminating could be found. In spite of this, 50 Heimwehr appeared again two days later occupied the factory and undertook bodily visitations in the most brutal manner.

The women workers were also subjected to a fresh body search by the fascists, naturally a great game for the snoot-noses. The women became extremely excited. Many had heart attacks. Twenty-five had to be transported to the hospital in ambulances. Several workers, among them two members of the factory committee, were captured.

The unit of the Communist Party, and the factory group of the illegal union, called for a strike, which the entire factory followed. The clerks, who wished to join the strike, were forcibly held back in their offices by the police.

The strike leadership immediately communicated with the rest of the Austrian shoe factories, where the workers declared themselves in sympathy with the workers of the Eterna factory, and prepared to strike on the coming Monday.

Under the pressure of these facts, the two imprisoned members of the factory committee, who had already been held for trial, were released. Only after the Heimwehr and police left the factory, was the strike declared off, and work begun again.

SUCCESSFUL STRIKE OF THE TEXTILE FACTORY "AMA"

The men and women workers of the textile factory "Ama" (Vienna XIII) struck unitedly according to the slogans of the united front, whereby they united these political demands with their own economic ones. On the day before, three demands were given the direction of the factory:

1) 7% salary increase to compensate for a cut which had been made during the summer because of support of "bad business."

2) The full overtime wage.

3) Women workers who had been fired because they stood up for their comrades in the work must be taken on again.

The strike for these demands began two hours ofter the close of the political strike.—After the strike had lasted two hours, all demands were acceded to by the owners, and the strike could be ended with a complete success.

These two strikes at "Ama" and "Eterna" are shining examples for all factories. They are, as well as the many protest strikes on the twelfth of February, a convincing demonstration of the readiness to fight and the preparedness of the workers. Now it is necessary to build up strong organizations in the factories, C. P. units as well as United Factory units of the Free Unions (the illegal unions in Austria). Thus will the working class successfully complete the battles for the needs of their lives, and be able to beat back the fascists. It is now necessary to hinder wage cuts, to reconquer the stolen wages and to successfully defend the social insurance against the fascist attack.

N. Y. BILL TO BAR ACADEMIC RIGHTS LOSES

INTENDED TO PREVENT SCHOOL STRIKES

NEW YORK, June 25.—In line with the action taken by many state legislatures to curb the elementary rights of students and teachers, the Jacobs Bill was introduced to the New York City Board of Aldermen. This bill would make it a misdemeanor punishable by $500 fine or six months in jail or both, to undertake any violent activity in defiance of the rules and regulations of the duly constituted officers and authorities of any public school or college in New York City. Due to the tremendous pressure brought to bear by student and parent groups, and by labor organizations, this bill was shelved.

Officials Order Wood Destroyed; Workers Need It

OAKLAND, Calif., June 24.—SERA officials have ordered destruction of "surplus" wood on one of the projects. The Public Works and Unemployed Union, Local No. 2, has elected a committee to work in conjunction with the City Council of the P.W.U.U. to stop the destruction of the fuel and have it distributed to the SERA workers. The Union proposes that most of it should go to the workers on the project.

Tourist To Soviet Can't Find Misery

Journey Through Hearst's "Famine Area" Discloses Well Dressed People With Plenty to Eat

Richard Witt, World War veteran, a planing mill mechanic, well known in San Francisco, is now on a tour of Europe. Just after leaving the Soviet Union he wrote the following letter to a friend in Santa Cruz, Calif.:

"As far as the condition in general is concerned, can only say that I was pleasantly surprised. Also that the most enthusiastic reports are nothing but the truth. Which makes Willie Hearst and Co. bigger liars than we thought they were.

✻ "Dirt" Hard To Fnd.

"One thing, those that say one is taken only by guides to see the good things are quite right. This is the best way to see most good things. But they intentionally neglect to say, that this part of the tour takes only from two to three hours a day,—and they have fully 21 hours a day to look for 'dirt.' And what makes them really sore is that this is the hardest thing to find in the USSR, no matter how hard they look.

"In April, 1935, the Soviet Union had to send an extra steamer to London to take care of all the tourists. The 300 passengers fraternized with the crew, received fine, quick service and found no boss behind the workers. As a matter of fact not only was there no 'soldiering' on the job, but I saw with my own eyes where men refused to quit work when told to. For hours after their regular working time they kept right on brightening up the boss.

✻ Socialist Meaning.

"I never knew the real meaning of the WE, and especially OURS, until I got on this boat. And of course that applied to the whole Soviet Union as I journied through.

"We had quite a few discussions with members of the crew. They certainly knew what is going on in the world. In case of trouble, each man knows his place and within two hours will be there; and they sure can tell you why and what for they will be fighting. You find the same spirit all over the Soviet Union.

✻ Plenty of Food.

"I visited Kharkov and Kiev districts, the center of the Hearst reported starvation. I found more and a larger variety of food and clothing in the stores than in either Leningrad or Moscow. The people were well dressed. They had money. The stores were crowded. Found the streets spotlessly clean. This was a pleasant surprise as I hal always read and thought Russia was behind in cleanliness."

Readers of the Western Worker will be interested to know that Mr. Witt visited Comrade Owens, who has a very good position.

Stalingrad Tractor Factory Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

MOSCOW, June 18.—The Stalingrad Tractor plant, the first giant enterprise completed under the five-year plan, today celebrated its fifth anniversary by turning out its 150,000th tractor. The first 50,000 tractors took 32 months to produce. The next 100,000 were produced in 28 months.

In congrautlating the Stalingrad workers, the government organ, Izvestia points out that when during the Civil War Lenin spoke of 100,000 tractors being able to cause a revolution in the minds of small commodity producers, this sounded like a dream, but that dream has been more than fulfilled.

Handbill Ordinance Frames L.A. Worker

LOS ANGELES, June 21.—Eugene Drozinsky, 19, was convicted yesterday on the charge of illegally distributing Communist handbills in violation of a city ordinance. He was tried in Municipal Judge Arthur Crum's "anti-red" court and given a fine of $25 or an alternative of serving 25 days in jail.

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By Lou McLean.

The Truth About Father Coughlin—A. B. Magil.—5c.

This is the fifth edition of this pamphlet. For those who have not read the previous writings and believe still that Father Coughlin is for the worker, (and for that matter, the small business man) then he should get hold of this. Father Coughlin, like all leaders of movements that are running rampant throughout America, can only be judged by what he says, and does.

He says a lot. Most of it is so contradictory, so confusing, that even he forgets just how he stands on important issues. A. B. Magil shows here only Father Coughlin's evidence. And it is plenty damning—for Father Coughlin. But the Reverend Prelate is the one responsible for what he says. That he has powerful financial backing in his race for a political party can not be denied.

What he does is here shown. He supports the employer of labor when labor struggles to better its conditions. He uses all the power he commands; all the power of the Church; of a deity, to lull the workers back to non-activity. He openly comes out for big capital. He is anti-Jewish. He is against any advance guard of the working class—the Communist Party. And he uses all the old and some of the new methods in his lying tactics.

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A short but very necessary pamphlet about Germany's Working Class leader. It tells of Thaelmann's life as a Communist; as a leader of the Workers of Germany and his fight to unite the workers in their fight against fascism. A pamphlet all workers should read.

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Twenty Years On the CHAIN GANG.—By Elizabeth Lawson.—1 cent.

The working class has in Angelo Herndon what it takes to battle against the blackest, foulest, and most vicious reaction civilization has yet known: the aristocracy of the South of the United States. Angelo Herndon is a victim of this reaction. To say he is a victim is meagre description. His whole class: the working class of the world, are victims of the robber barons of capitalist exploiters, of the great land barons of the United States.

The terror, the physical and mental torture the capitalist class through its kept courts, through its paid "law enforcers", Angelo Herndon has known and lived through, because he fought such rotten conditions and fought for bread and a living wages.

He led both White and Black. Now he is sentenced by the Supreme Court of the United States, who, under pressure of the land barons of the South, say that this working class Negro fighter must spend 18 to 20 years on a CHAIN GANG! Fight this terrible sentence; write to the Supreme Court of the United States opposing this unjust act it has taken.

CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE TO HOLD BIG MEET

L. A. GROUP REPRESENTS 67 ORGANIZATIONS

LOS ANGELES, June 20.—A mass meeting, under the auspices of the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights, will be held at the Shrine Auditorium, Friday night, July 5.

Leo Gallagher, internationally famous working class attorney, will be one of the principal speakers.

Issues of the meeting will be: Freedom of Tom Mooney; Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law and freedom of the eight victims of the recent Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism trial; for union wages on all relief projects; for protest against the lock-out of the Los Angeles Street Railway men; in support of the July 5th Marine Federation Strike.

The Conference for Labor's Civil Rights now represents 67 different organizations and is still growing.

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WHO FEARS THE WESTERN WORKER?

There are two men who fear the WESTERN WORKER—and they are the Siamese Twins of American capitalism. One is the employer and the other is the traitorous union official of the Scharrenberg type.

Smashing the offices of the Western Worker and smashing the General Strike were all one process carried out by the same employers' interests.

Jameson, an official of the San Francisco local of the Marine Firemen's Union (branch of the I.S.U.), had the bare-faced gall to stand up before the last membership meeting and boast that he was one of the "vigilantes" who smashed the offices of the Western Worker.

Such a character is a smear on the face of organized labor and a disgrace to the union local he represents.

In this connection, it is well to recall that last year, during the funeral parade of Sperry and Coundeorakis, a Western Worker salesman was attacked by several hoodlums and had his papers taken from him and destroyed. This at a time when all San Francisco labor was honoring Nicolas Coundeorakis, a Communist Party member who gave his life in the interests of the working class.

It is not difficult to figure out who put these hoodlums up to the job.

The question is, will such an incident be repeated this year on July Fifth? It might have happened that another Communist Party member had been shot on that "Bloody Thursday" instead of Nick. In that case, Nick would be alive today and it is not improbable he might be selling Western Workers along the line of march.

MURDER GETS ITS WIRES CROSSED

The whole consternation of employers and union fakers over the police slaying of Fred Friedl is expressed in the blubbering, confused accounts of the killing printed in the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner. The explanation seems to be that Friedl mistook the police for Reds and the police mistook Friedl for a Red and both sides opened fire.

Both papers avoided mentioning that Friedl had just been expelled from the Marine Firemen's local of which he was business agent. They refer to "attempts by radicals to oust him," but are silent about the expulsion.

Notorious as an employer's agent and betrayor of labor, Friedl had recently resorted to open gangsterism in an effort to beat down the militant opposition which was exposing his treachery. In all these previous exploits, he enjoyed the passive co-operation of the police who refused to take any hand in defending the militants.

Following his expulsion, Friedl marshalled his "Beef Squad" and set out on a rampage of reprisals against rank and file leaders. When hailed by the police, he mistook them for "his enemies" and opened fire.

Yet the capitalist papers, in their accounts, laud him as one of labor's leaders, just as they praise the cheat Scharrenberg to the skies and speak of his expulsion as the work of "a few radicals." At the same time, they cautiously avoid mentioning that the action was taken by an almost unanimous vote

The corruption of the capitalist press accounts reach their highest point when they suggest that "radicals" may have tricked the police into killing Friedl by giving them a false tip that he was a Red.

They propose to alibi the police by expaining that they ransacked Friedl's room, found a small sized arsenal and a lot of radical literature, whereupon they lay in wait for him and shot him dead.

The implication here is that Reds are criminals, therefore the police were taking correct action.

Yet no one has ever produced any evidence to the effect that Reds have committed crimes, there is nothing illegal about the Communist Party, and Red literature is sold openly in bookstores.

Friedl's arsenal is variously explained by saying that he was a "hunter" and again, that he had to defend himself from the Reds.

WHO IS GOING TO BE TAXED?

No greater idiocy ever concerned man than the present capitalist press hysteria over the fact that Roosevelt is toying with the idea of taxing the rich. The nation is now burdened with the most extensive and expensive program of war preparations we have ever seen outside an actual period of war. Who is going to pay for it?

The country has the largest number of needy unemployed any nation has ever seen. Who is going to feed them?

The rich seem to think the working class should pay for it. When you tax the rich, the rich pass the burden on to the workers by raising prices and cutting wages. Yet they have already hammered wages down pretty nearly to bed-rock.

The rich possess all the land, all the houses, all the factories, all the food, all the money—they own the whole damned works. They shove just enough money out their pay windows every month to keep the workers from starving to death, and take it all back again through their cash registers the next morning.

A more foolish situation could not be imagined. They not only expect to own the whole works and have the working population do all the work for mere board and room, but they also expect the working class to buy them an army and navy and pay the running expenses. Meanwhile, they do nothing but sit around on their fancy dividends eating a lot of good chuck and saying that Communism is un-American.

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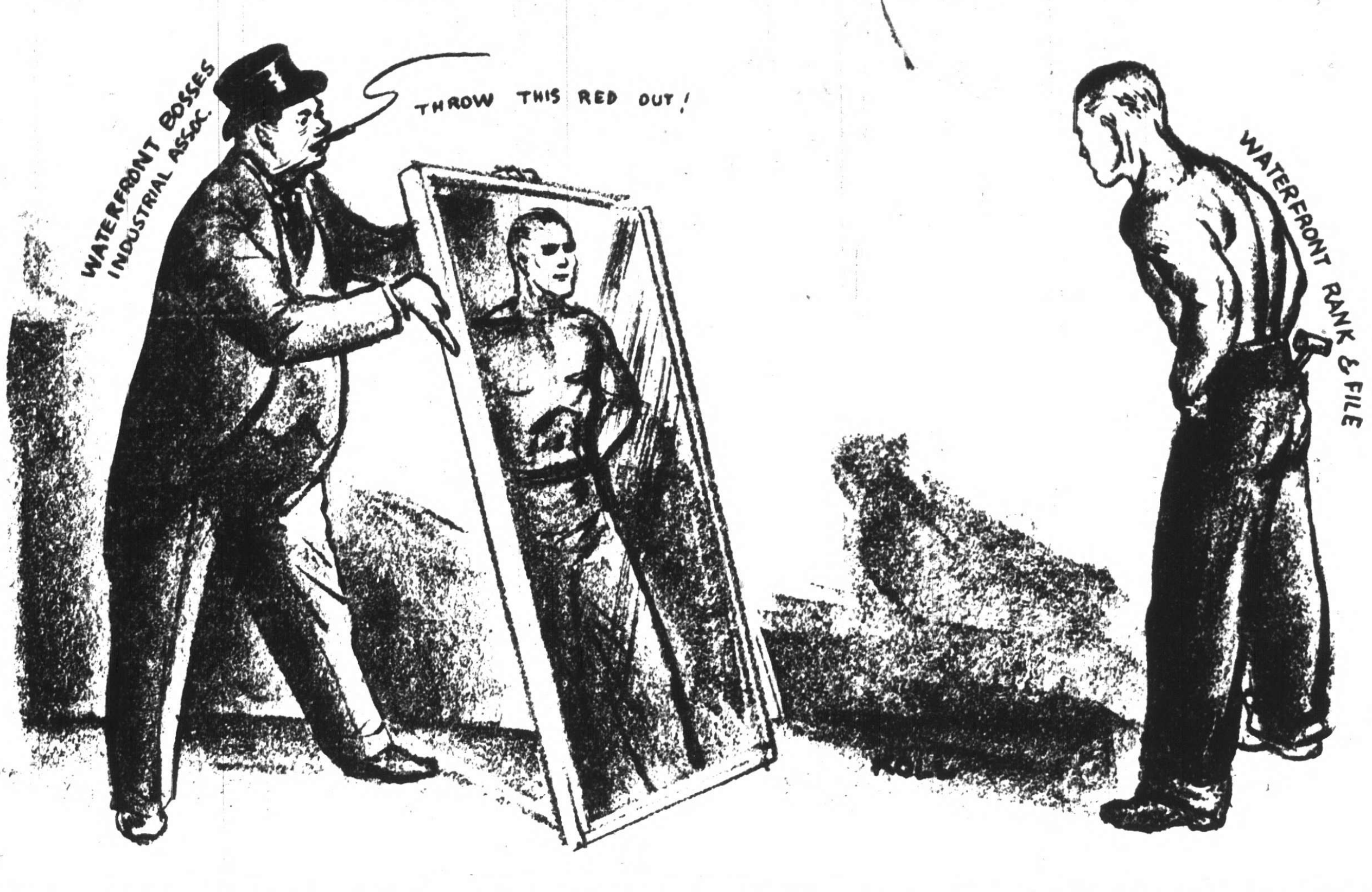
WATERFRONT BOSSES INDUSTRIAL ASSOC.
THROW THIS RED OUT!
WATERFRONT RANK & FILE

Day In and Night Out

By an Oakland Cannery Girl

Dawn was breaking when we heard the head forelady rasp: "All right, girls, all out for breakfast!" We muttered under our breaths. Three hours to go before home. We turned the faucets, let the water run into our bins, plugged the water drain so that the "grass" (Asparagus) left in our bins wouldn't spoil while we had our coffee and stale doughnuts sold in the company cafeteria.

Weary and bleary eyed we rushed to our stimulant. The girls were pretty much shot. After nine hours of work (we start at 7 in the evening) three hours to go is somewhat of a consolation, considering that we worked 14 hours the night before and some of us made about three bucks before breakfast.

The conversation at the "lunch period" (12 midnite) was a bit different from the breakfast jabber. The girls are not quite so tired and their big desire was "to step on the gas" more furiously so as to bring up their meager wages. We talked about the movie we wanted to see or the dance we would like to attend, "but this darned nite work—gee, we never have any fun!" And by the time our night off comes around we're too tired to do anything but sleep.

✽ Grievances Galore.

At breakfast time we were completely off our feet. We always find something to gripe about. Of course, we are right. Mary got cheated out of a tray, and the Lord knows, when it takes half an hour to can 24 cans of asparagus, 12 cents means money. Jeanette said she got checked out 30 minutes because she went out to rub her feet. She's a rather large girl, you know, and when her feet begin to ache, they ache. One of the girls was telling us about the guy who just cut two fingers (almost off) on the sorting side, he bled like a pig and she doubted whether he would get his compensation.

Just then we were told to go back inside and begin again. The last three hours were lousy. The "grass" was dirty, we had more 'soup' (throwouts) than good stuff. Seemed all we did was slave for the company on our time and waste our energy for a measly 50 cents more.

✽ Keep Awake.

While working we were trying to sing. Anything to keep us awake. Anything to keep our minds off our poverty and misery. Some of the girls are lots of fun and supply us with lots of laughs, sticking in a couple of dirty jokes. We are so tired it seems that is the only thing our minds will absorb. Sometimes we are going along O. K. and we don't have any grass to can. So what? Well, we don't get paid for the time we hang around doing nothing. The forelady tries to cheer us up by telling us that we can rest a few minutes. But when the minutes turn to hours it isn't such a good rest realizing that we can rest at home in bed much better. "This piece work is the bunk" say some of the girls. "We ought to get at least something for waiting around," suggests another girl. We all agree.

✽ "Grass" Poisoning.

Jula has a nasty case of grass poisoning and so has Ethel, Jean and Connie. The company nurse can't do anything about it but tells us what to do for it at home. Gee! the durned stuff itches and it looks like hell too, all red and pimply. One girl got some in her eye and being her hands are always wet and occupied all the time, she can't relieve the itch.

If we complain at the table about being tired or sleepy the foreladies tell us we ought to be lucky to have jobs. You would think they got paid for being "back-slappers" or cheer-uppers." Well they work darn hard too but they think like bosses, what with speeding us up and giving us the devil once in a while.

It's finally time to go home. The cannery is a musty old building and it reeks. We are glad to get out of it for awhile. We get a few hours sleep, clean the house, say hello to our kids and husbands and dash back again tonight.

✽ Slave Driving.

We had one dickens of a nite the other nite. The company contracted several hundred boxes of asparagus from another cannery and in addition to our usual load we had enough "grass" to can for a week. But we didn't have a week to can it in. We had only one night, so you can imagine how we slaved. The night was nothing short of hell and we felt we would land there, too, by the time we were finished.

The girls were as sore as boils. "What do they think we are, animals?" The "grass" was filthy, the grading was harder and that, of course slowed up our work to a great extent. All in all we couldn't make enough to pay for our salt.

✽ Strike Talk.

A few of us working on the same table decided we ought to walk out on strike. Some if us were of the opinion we could get the whole bunch of us together and really do something. The sentiment was all there.

But somehow it happened too fast and it boiled over.

"Let's have a union," suggested one girl.

"Sure, why not? I'm kind of fed up with all this, long hours, no day off for my boy friend (he works in the cannery, too) stale doughnuts, low wages. How about coming over to my house? I'll get Johnnie to get some of the fellows and we can talk it over."

"Okay," echoed many voices. . .

Hearst's Sky Pilot Red-Baiter Flops

Minister Rants Against Communism for Audience of Seven in Auditorium With 2000 Capacity

SAN FRANCISCO, June 27.—The Reverend Rex Mitchel, Baptist Bible Thumper of Paso Robles, self-styled 100 per cent patriot, and much ballyhooed protege of William Randolph Hearst, took the Scottish Rite Auditorium, which seats 2000 people, for a night's oratorical crusade against Communism on Sunday, June 15.

He did his hysterical stuff before an audience of seven,—three of whom were Communists.

When he stepped on the platform at 8:10 p. m. brief-case in hand, he stared in amazement at the five persons present, three women and two men. He retreated to an ante-room till 8:30, evidently expecting an audience of late comers. He was observed jittering about a peep-hole, evidently dazed by the failure of the people to come swarming at the call of the S. F. "Examiner" to come and hear the Reds denounced.

Finally he came from retirement and, with the aid of the janitor, moved his desk to the floor of the auditorium, "To be in closer communion with his audience." At this point two elderly ladies entered and were invited, "Come up to the front, Christian people."

The prayer with which he opened was a curiosity: "Oh, God, we thank thee for this opportunity to voice in Christian spirit our opposition to Communism, Socialism, the I. W. W.,—against pacifism, against any and all attempts at the confiscation of private property; and we further, oh Lord, ask strength in combatting the evils of the philosophy of Marx and Engels. Grant, oh Lord, a blessing on the forthcoming Baptist convention to be held in Colorado Springs; rout the modernists, oh Lord, and may the fundamentalists gain control. Amen."

He spoke for one hour and ten minutes, laying upon Communism the blame for the stock market crash, closing of the banks, ousting of Paul Scharrenberg by the Seamen, the dust storm in the Middle West, and the dissension within the Baptist Church.

"Communists are the agents of the Devil, roaming everywhere, seeking whom they may crucify," cried the Reverend Mitchell.

The collection was fourteen cents.

Tulare Workers' Picnic Features Question of Union

TULARE, Calif., June 24. — Agricultural workers, both in the fields and in the canneries, unemployed and SERA workers will gather at Mooney's Grove, not far from here, on Sunday, June 30, for a labor picinic. The picnic is a step forward toward organizing a mass A. F. of L. agricultural union in this area.

An official permit has been granted the Tulare Organizational Committee which has charge of the affair.

E. C. Dowd, American Federation of Labor Organizer from the Fresno Central Labor Council and other prominent A. F. of L. speakers will address the gathering.

All workers are invited.

SINCLAIR'S TWO CENTS WORTH

Upton Sinclair has gotten on the merry-go-round with the rest of capitalism's humbugs and has taken up the cry of "purge the Reds."

He has announced that unless the EPIC movement will immediately "purge the Reds" out of its ranks, he will forsake it.

This is identically the same cry as that of the Waterfront Employers Association, the Industrial Association, the Chambers of Commerce, Paul Scharrenberg, Edward Vandeleur, William Green, the top jingoes of the American Legion, the Rotary Club, the Elks Club and every other mouthpiece of capitalism.

As a matter of fact, Sinclair has already forsaken those features of the EPIC platform which won him such an enormous following at the last election. And his appeal at the Epic convention was that the movement must make still further compromises. His theory seems to be that the only way to overcome opposition is to change your principles to accord with those of your opponent.

This new slogan of his will win him at least one adherent, William Randolph Hearst, even though he lose the whole rank and file of the EPICS.

OPEN FORUM

AN OPEN LETTER TO PAUL MUNI

(Star of the film, "Black Fury")

June 17, 1935.

Sir: Being a former coal miner and having mined in the part of Pennsylvania where your picture was supposed to have been taken, I went to see your picture, "Black Fury". In the first place your part was awful. Secondly one is compelled to go through an examination and must read and write the English language.

All explosives are under strong lock and key and guarded. The five ton car you pushed in the mine is never placed at the entrance, the main line being always kept clear.

Your scene was to have taken place in a shaft mine, which is always under guard. The shallowest shaft in the coal region is 225 feet, yet you pushed a 5-ton car through a toad hole from a drift mine—two different mines altogether.

Your union hall scene was terrible. A miners' union always stations two men at the door to take the password, which is one of their strictest laws. No one is allowed to enter intoxicated.

One thing the picture did was tell the truth, not of the hired thugs, but of the real tactics of the sheriffs and state troopers. You show the workers fighting among themselves—when even you know how they stick together while leaders from the class you represent sell them out.

Workers everywhere are waking up and seeking some of the comforts of life and it will take more than a camera to quench their thirst.

Al Smith.

WANTS ANTI-HEARST MEET

San Francisco,
June 20, 1935.

Dear Editor:

On this business of the United Front. The half-page ads in all the boss papers against the longshoremen. The effort of the A. F. of L. leadership to expel Communists from the Unions. The intensified effort of the Hearst press to foster hatred and distrust of the masses toward organized militant labor, and particularly its leadership, the Communist Party. What is being done to offset this?

Not much, it seems to me, as there ought to be...... You've taker part in many united fronts; why don't you call an anti-Hearst mass meeting. He is the leader of fascism—the workers recognize and hate him as such.....

It is right at your feet. With the intense resentment already existing it should not be hard to get masses to come to this meeting.....

Yours sincerely
A Sympathizer who
reads the Western Worker.

Youth Congress Backers Protest To School Board

DETROIT, Mich., June 24.—Enthusiastic response has greeted the appeal of the Second American Youth Congress for organizations and individuals to send protests to the Detroit Board of Education against the denial of Cass Technical High School to the Congress for its Second Annual Convention on July 4, 5, 6, and 7. These protests are raining in from all sections of the country, and if kept up are certain to result in the Board of Education reversing its decision and granting the use of the High School to this convention, which is expected to be the largest and most representative gathering of delegated youth this country has ever seen.

Many prominent Detroit people support the American Youth Congress in its stand. Among them the President of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor, and the editor of the Jewish Daily Chronicle, a member of the District Common Council.

The Committee extends a cordial invitation to all American Youth to come to the Congress, either as regular delegates, elected by and officially representing organizations, or as fraternal delegates from unorganized as well as organized youth.

Friends of Soviet Union Official to Be Heard on KGER

LOS ANGELES, June 21. — Starting a new series of talks, Dr. J. C. Coleman will speak every Tuesday night at 7 p. m. over KGER. His subjects will be "What's happening in the World?" These will include authoritative discussion of events in the Soviet Union, Soviet China, Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. Dr. Coleman is executive secretary of the Friends of the Soviet Union.

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The Man Without A UNION

Annie Sorrie Grieves the Passing of Labor's Grand Old Salt, Paul Scharrenberg

(As Weeped Onto the Shoulder of Stephen Peacock)

She Is Sorry

Annie Sorrie, the woman who is sorry.

Gone. Debunked. Defunct. Thus the Grand Old Man of Labor skids down, toward a mute, inglorious end. Gone is old Popeye, whose fatherly advice was always welcomed by "legitimate" union leaders and "nice" employers from Shasta's fleecy peak to the placid waters of the Rio Grande.

✽ Her Liver Jumps.

My heart bleeds; my adams apple jumps, when I think of that old swivel chair with its downy cushions, where the Grand Old Man rested his corpulent frame, lo! these many years, will feel him no more. The dust will settle on that seat. The lowly spider will spin his web around the swivel.

And what will become of the pictures of his old friends hanging on the wall? What will become of those faces so dear to old Paul's heart—those patriots who saved the country by keeping Mooney in jail—Stephens, Young, Rolph, Merriam—can it be that the pesky little fly will leave his footprints on the deserted pictures of those genial statesman?

✽ Pained Hearts.

And think of the pain in the hearts of his splendid colleagues and inseparable friends—Joe Ryan, Mike Casey, Vandeleur, O'Connel, Lewis & Co. And the members of the late-lamented "strategy-committee" (so unkindly termed "tragedy committee" last summer by the roughnecks). I wonder, in spite of their indignation, what they really feel in their hearts these dark and dismal nights. Are they gazing into crystals? Do they hear the little birdies cooing and chirping and twittering that mayhap (alas and alack) Paul's departure is a sign and a portent that agurs them no good?

Hark! Hark! What are those raucous hoots from the waterfront? Surely, there is no sign of a fog today. Whence cometh this ribald racket, which seems to start at the Embarcadero and echo back from San Quentin prison? Do my ears deceive me, or has it really come to pass that sailors and longshoremen hoot in the midst of the unheard of tragedy of the sea? What the hell's the World coming to anyhow?

✽ Ungrateful World.

Well, Paul, there is some consolation. The world is chock full of ingratitude. Many workingmen and women in the United States and elsewhere don't even feel sorry for John D. Rockefeller, another Grand Old Man who practically ruined his stomach by trying to find jobs for people.

It's sad and I don't want to believe it, but it looks like the rabble has scuttled the good old ship S. S. Scharrenberg. Even today as I trudged sorrowful up and down the Embarcadero, somebody handed me this impudent sonnet:

Paul Scharrenberg was a sailor-
boy, a sailorboy was he.
He never sailed upon a ship
that sailed across the sea.
He had a ship upon his chest,
a man tatooed it there,
And all the girls they used to
boast about his wavy hair.

CHORUS.

Paul Scharrenberg was a sailor
boy, a sailor true and try.
The only water he ever saw,
was the water on the side.
He was a great old sailorboy,
a sailor of renown,
His one delight from morn till
night, was sailing 'round the
town.

CHORUS.

Paul Scharrenberg was a sailor
boy, he knew his little book.
He had freckles on his arm,
he had a Sandy Hook.
He was a sailor true and try,
he stood many a jar,
And he used to pilot scooners
as they sailed across the bar.

CHORUS.

He was a sailor, a sailor boy
was he.
He never sailed on any ship
that sailed across the sea.
He was a sailor, you could bet
your life on that.
We knew he was a sailor,
'cause he wore a sailor hat.

Ah, me. Think of this unspeakable slander at the passing of one of labor's noblemen—with a capitol L. and two capital N.'s. But thank God we still have a country full of such noblemen. Thank God for Mr. Green, Mr. Hillman, Mr. Woll, Berry, Vandeleur, Lewis, Morris, Furuseth and others. Thank God we still have some protection from these red vipers who are ruining everything and assassinating, defaming, defacing, besmearing and besmirching the character of such martyrs of labor as Mr. Scharrenberg.

Finks Mobilize!

But awake! Awake! We won't take it lying down. Surely, Paul has many friends. Are not yon flags flying at half mast from the Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Association, the Waterfront Employers? And do I not hear a rumble of protest from the San Francisco Chronicle, Hearst, Plant, Bulletin and other friends of labor?

Let us rally our forces to the support of Scharrenberg! Down with the Reds! To hell with Bridges! Rouse yourselves, Vigilantes! Come on Friends of New Germany, State Executives!

Madam Perkins, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Peterson, Mr. O'Grady! Pass resolutions! Say something! Do something! To arms! To feet! To horse! To someplace!

But woe unto me. Mayhap it's too late. Perhaps we should calm ourselves and say with breaking hearts to a departing sailor:

Weigh anchor! All aboard! Farewell! Adieu! Good bye!

And to close with the solemn words of a poet, "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. If we keep this up, our appendix will bust."

Jobless Jottings

By the Boondoggler.

Out of their own mouths:

"I hate all Communists, Communist sympathizers and all such people, including the attorneys who defend them. California has no room for such people, they should be driven out..." Captain Katzenberger, Los Angeles police officer testifying on witness stand as defendant in false arrest suit.

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"I feel an alarm over the growing tendency of kids to go on school strikes." District Attorney Buron Fitts addressing a womens club.

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"If we give the full relief budget to a Mexican family they won't know what to do with all the money"..... Harold Pomeroy, public relations director of LA CRA, speaking to a relief committee.

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"I am a great admirer of Police Chief James E. Davis." Rheba Crawford, assistant pastor at Angelus Temple exhorting her flock.

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"I'll make 1,000,000 cars next year, if they just let the police run the country. If there is anything wrong the police can take care of it." Henry Ford, billonaire manufacturer, speaking to newspaper men.

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"A ten dollar dress, if you have good taste, may be just as pretty as one for which you have spent ten times as much." Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt writing to the women of America . . .

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"Don't organize, don't join anything. . . . just keep your pistols ready, but don't shoot till I give the word..." Robert Noble, agent provocateur delux, and representative of Huey Long speaking at the Mason Opera House L. A.

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"The depression would be over with if all these people on relief would get out and get a job." Sage observation of a rich Hollywood matron to a man she hired to mow her lawn...

A new pamphlet, "Hearst—Labor's Enemy No. 1", by James Casey, 3c. Read it, sell it to your neighbors, and help build the boycott.